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**Annual Reports for 1956**  
**AMHERST**  
**NEW HAMPSHIRE**



**HORACE GREELEY BIRTHPLACE**  
(See Inside Cover)

The Amherst farm home in which Horace Greeley was born on February 3rd, 1811, is a typical late eighteenth century New Hampshire house, with many well preserved early American features. Its claim to special attention is that it was the boyhood home of one of the greatest editors in American history, perhaps the first editor of nationwide power and one who influenced thousands of people through the columns of the New York Tribune which he founded.

The house was probably built shortly before 1800 by John Stewart of Amherst, a joiner, on land inherited by his wife Mary Barron, from her father Moses Barron, prominent landowner of the Souhegan valley region. After the death of John Stewart in 1803 Mary deeded the farm to Joshua Shedd, who in turn sold it to Zaccheus Greeley, father of Horace, in 1809. The Greeleys owned the property until 1821 when they went to Vermont and the Joel Brown family succeeded them. About 1862 it passed from the Browns to the Hanson family who occupied the historic house until 1940 when they sold it to the present owners, Mr. and Mrs. Philip B. Holmes.

In his "Recollections of a Busy Life" Greeley said that the house was located halfway down "one of New Hampshire's gentler hills," and sat among the rocky fields where "picking stones is a never ending labor . . . I filially love the Granite State, but could well excuse the absence of sundry subdivisions of her granite." He remembered the old apple orchard, the brook at the foot of the hill, and the huge fireplace where he learned to read before he was three. Of the orchard only a few gnarled trees remain, but the brook is still a good-sized stream and the fireplace is much as it was in Greeley's day with original cranes and mantel.

Here he learned what hard work meant, for as a small boy he rose early to "ride horse to plow" and he acquired a life long sympathy for farmer and laborer which he turned into a crusade for the improvement of the lot of the common man.

Horace Greeley is known to most people because he said "Go West." He did popularize the slogan and advice, "Go West, young man, and grow up with the country," which indicated his belief in the expanding greatness of America. However, those famous words were only a few of the hundreds of thousands which he wrote and spoke to the many citizens all over the nation who waited to hear from "Uncle Horace" before making up their minds on important issues. He played an important part in nearly every social and political movement of the 1840-1872 period; was a leading Whig, a great anti-slavery man, a co-founder of the Republican party who helped turn the 1860 nomination to Lincoln, a Liberal crusader who spoke the truth as he saw it regardless of the consequences, and a candidate for president on the Liberal-Republican ticket in a heartbreaking unsuccessful effort to turn his party back to the principles on which he considered it was founded. A man of eccentric personal habits, of boundless energy and courage, he left an impression on American history which his recent biographers have called "enormous."

On the hundredth anniversary of his birth in 1911, his native town did him honor by holding commemorative exercises in the Amherst Town Hall on the afternoon of February 3rd, and the State of New Hampshire erected a plaque on a boulder taken from the Greeley farm. The bronze tablet says that Greeley was born on February 3rd, 1811, was founder of the New York Tribune, member of Congress, candidate for President, and died in November 1872. The granite boulder holding this inscription is located directly in front of the birthplace and is regularly read by many travellers who come to see the childhood home of the great editor.

Nellie Holmes

ANNUAL REPORTS  
of the  
**TOWN OFFICERS**  
of  
**AMHERST, N. H.**  
for the  
**Year Ending December 31, 1956**  
Also  
**OFFICERS OF SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Year Ending June 30, 1956**



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## **TOWN OFFICERS -- 1956**

### **Moderator**

Harold H. Wilkins, Sr.

### **Selectmen**

Allen D. Howard, 1 year  
Donald T. Atkinson, 2 years  
George A. Knight, 3 years

### **Treasurer**

Catherine A. Kruger

### **Town Clerk**

Catherine A. Kruger

### **Tax Collector**

Barbara H. Landry

### **Highway Agent**

Richard G. Crocker

### **Constable**

Albert H. Junkins

### **Auditors**

Orson H. Bragdon  
George H. Howard

### **Supervisors of the Check Lists**

Frank L. Pearson

Walter D. Wiggin Donald O. Young

### **Sexton of Cemeteries**

Clarence H. Hagar

### **Fire Wards**

Edwin F. Locke, Chief  
Edward J. Marchildon, 1st Ass't.  
Ezra D. Edwards, 2nd Ass't.

### **Trustees of Trust Funds**

Meric G. Arnold, 1 year  
Benjamin G. Bundy, 2 years  
Howard G. Arnold, 3 years

### **Library Trustees**

Henry F. Merrill, 1 year  
Margaret Seamans, 1 year  
Cleaveland J. Campbell, 2 years  
Margaret Moser, 2 years  
Rev. Frank M. Weiskel, 3 years  
Elizabeth G. Hall, 3 years

### **Zoning Officials**

#### **Administrative Official**

Benjamin D. Piper

#### **Board of Adjustment**

|                     |           |
|---------------------|-----------|
| Arthur L. Underwood | 1 year    |
| John C. Duff        | 2 years   |
| James F. Wanless    | 3 years   |
| Hibbert V. Miles    | 4 years   |
| Allen D. Howard     | 5 years   |
| Fred Vatcher        | Secretary |

### **Civil Defense Director**

Donald O. Young

OFFICE HOURS  
of  
TOWN OFFICERS

Selectmen

At the Town Hall 2nd and 4th Fridays from 7:30 to 9:00 P. M.

Tax Collector

Office at home—Mack Hill Road—Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 10:00 A. M. to 2:00 P. M.

Also every 2nd and 4th Fridays at Town Hall 7:30 P. M.

Town Clerk & Treasurer

Home office: Monday 5:00 to 8:00 P. M.  
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday  
9:00 A. M. to 1:30 P. M.

|       |                      |          |        |
|-------|----------------------|----------|--------|
| Phone | Town Hall            | Milford  | 527    |
|       | Tax Collector        |          | 356-J  |
|       | Town Clerk           |          | 428-M  |
|       | Fire Chief           |          | 774-W3 |
|       | Assistant Chief      |          | 54-M   |
|       | Fire Station         |          | 540    |
|       | In case of fire call |          | 80     |
|       | Road Agent           |          | 92-M   |
|       | Police Chief         | HArrison | 4-3300 |

VETERAN'S exemption blanks must be filed each year  
NOT LATER than April 15th.

## **TOWN WARRANT**

### **The State of New Hampshire**

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Amherst in the County of Hillsborough in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

**Polls to open at 1:00 p. m. and Close at 7:00 p. m.**

You are hereby notified to meet at Amherst Town Hall in said Amherst on Tuesday, the twelfth day of March, next at eight of the clock in the afternoon to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.
2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same.
3. To see if the Town will vote to give the Selectmen and the Town Treasurer authority to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.
4. To see if the Town will vote to allow a discount of 1½% on 1957 property taxes paid by May 1st, 1957. Any persons paying on their 1957 property tax an amount equal to 80% of their 1956 property tax to be allowed 1½% discount on their 1957 property tax bill if paid in full by December 1st, 1957.
5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$150.00 to the Merrimack Valley Region Association as the Town's proportionate share for publicizing and promoting all interests in this region, or act in relation thereto.

6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,000.00 to continue the plan started in 1956 for the improvement of roads.

7. To see if the Town will vote to give the Selectmen the power to sell land acquired by Tax deed, by private sale or public auction, whichever they deem best, until otherwise rescinded.

8. To see if the Town will vote to abandon a piece of highway approximately 355 feet long and 33 feet wide forking easterly from the Brook Road, and bounded on sides and end by land owned by Charles L. Bacon. This land to revert to owner of the adjoining property.

9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,000.00 for repairs of the grader.

10. To see if the Town will vote to have the moderator appoint a committee consisting of trustees, sexton and 3 non-officers to look into the question of cemetery expansion.

11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,789.70 to make up the 1956 deficit in winter maintenance.

12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 to be used by the Selectmen to continue the repair and renovation of the Town Hall and to have the moderator appoint a committee to work with the Selectmen to determine the work to be done.

13. To see if the Town will vote to abandon the road beginning at a post in front of Walter Knapp's house on Souhegan Street, which is 48 rods from the Milford and Amherst town line, and extending to the Souhegan River, thence to the Cox Farm now owned by Henry Curtis, the road to revert to the adjacent property.

By Petition

14. A. To see if the Town will vote to sell and convey to the Amherst Congregational Church, the belfry, tower, steeple and such other interest as the Town may have in the structure.

B. To see if the Town will vote to lease to the Amherst Congregational Church, for a term of 99 years, the belfry, tower, steeple and such other interest as the Town may have in the structure, in consideration that the Amherst Congregational Church assume the obligation to maintain and repair the property and to save the Town harmless from loss on account of any claims for personal injury or otherwise on account thereof.

15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,480.00 for the purchase of the following items for the fire department.

- 6 1½" Nozzles
- 3 2½" Nozzles
- 1 Portable Generator with lights
- 1 Radio for new truck
- 1 Smoke Ejector
- 12 Helmets

16. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands and seal this 15th day of February, in the Year of our Lord, nineteen hundred and fifty seven.

ALLEN D. HOWARD  
GEORGE A. KNIGHT  
DONALD T. ATKINSON  
Selectmen of Amherst

## B U D G E T

Estimates of Revenue and Expenditures for the Ensuing Year  
 January 1, 1957 to December 31, 1957  
 Compared with

Estimated and Actual Revenue, Appropriations and Expenditures  
 of the Previous Year January 1, 1956 to December 31, 1956

| SOURCES<br>OF REVENUE                                     | Estimated<br>Revenue<br>Previous<br>Year 1956 | Actual<br>Revenue<br>Previous<br>Year 1956 | Estimated<br>Revenue<br>Ensuing<br>Year 1957 |
|---|---|--|--|
| <b>From State:</b>  |   |  |  |
| Interest and Dividends Tax                                | \$ 10,000.00                                  | \$ 11,443.24                               | \$ 11,500.00                                 |
| Railroad Tax  | 25.00   | 29.14                                      | 25.00  |
| Savings Bank Tax  | 65.00   | 107.62                                     | 100.00                                       |
| Reimbursement a/c State and Federal<br>forest land        | 25.00   | 6.94                                       | 10.00  |
| Reimbursement a/c Exemption of<br>Growing Wood and Timber | 3,000.00                                      |  | 1,500.00                                     |
| For Fighting Forest Fires                                 |   | 44.01                                      |  |
| Refund Head Tax   |   | 45.78                                      |  |
| Reimbursement a/c Old Age Assistance                      |   | 1,183.24                                   |  |
| Yield Tax Bond  |   | 120.00                                     |  |
| <b>From Local Sources Except Taxes:</b>                   |   |  |  |
| Dog Licenses  | 700.00  | 733.80                                     | 700.00                                       |
| Business Licenses, Permits and Filing Fees                | 5.00  | 14.00                                      | 5.00   |
| Fines and Forfeits, Municipal Court                       | 100.00  | 400.50                                     | 100.00                                       |
| Rent of Town Hall and Other Buildings                     | 175.00  | 249.00                                     | 200.00                                       |
| Income from Trust Funds                                   |   | 150.00                                     |  |
| Income of Departments:                                    |   |  |  |
| (a) Highway, including rental of equip.                   |   | 142.50                                     |  |
| Fisk Highway Fund   | 50.00   | 56.60                                      | 50.00  |
| Income of Depts. Burning without Permits                  |   | 101.00                                     |  |
| Lot Sales, Cemetery                                       |   | 30.00                                      |  |
| Tree Committee  |   | 63.00                                      |  |
| Motor Vehicle Permit Fees                                 | 10,000.00                                     | 11,075.22                                  | 11,000.00                                    |
| Gifts—perpetual care                                      |   | 1,255.00                                   |  |
| Sale of Town Property                                     |   | 200.00                                     |  |
| Insurance Refund  |   | 22.53                                      |  |
| Tax Anticipation Note                                     |   | 15,000.00                                  |  |
| <b>From Local Taxes Other Than</b>                        |   |  |  |
| <b>Property Taxes:</b>                                    |   |  |  |
| (a) Poll Taxes—Regular @ \$2                              | 1,500.00                                      | 1,499.80                                   | 1,500.00                                     |
| (b) National Bank Stock Taxes                             | 70.00   | 72.40                                      | 70.00  |
| (c) Yield Taxes   | 800.00  | 1,324.38                                   | 1,000.00                                     |

| PURPOSES OF EXPENDITURES                    | Approp'ns<br>Previous<br>Year 1956 | Actual<br>Expend.<br>Previous<br>Year 1956 | Estimated<br>Expend.<br>Ensuing<br>Year 1957 |
|---|------------------------------------|--|--|
| <b>Current Maintenance Expenses:</b>        |                                    |  |  |
| <b>General Government:</b>                  |                                    |  |  |
| Town Officers' Salaries                     | \$ 2,020.00                        | \$ 2,020.00                                | \$ 2,020.00                                  |
| Town Officers' Expenses                     | 2,300.00                           | 2,010.54                                   | 2,300.00                                     |
| Election and Registration Expenses          | 350.00                             | 338.03                                     | 200.00                                       |
| Municipal Court Expenses                    | 200.00                             | 200.00                                     | 200.00                                       |
| <b>Expenses Town Hall and Other</b>         |                                    |  |  |
| Town Buildings                              | 2,400.00                           | 2,527.53                                   | 2,600.00                                     |
| <b>Protection of Persons and Property:</b>  |                                    |  |  |
| Police Department                           | 750.00                             | 833.41                                     | 1,000.00                                     |
| Fire Department                             | 4,000.00                           | 3,745.12                                   | 4,000.00                                     |
| Moth Exterm.—Blister Rust and Care of Trees | 1,500.00                           | 1,412.35                                   | 1,500.00                                     |
| Civil Defense                               |                                    |  | 100.00                                       |
| <b>Health:</b>                              |                                    |  |  |
| Health Department, including Hospitals      | 50.00                              | 38.00                                      | 50.00  |
| Vital Statistics                            | 80.00                              | 52.75                                      | 80.00  |
| Town Clock                                  | 25.00                              | 25.00                                      | 25.00  |
| Town Dump and Garbage Removal               | 200.00                             | 370.35                                     | 400.00                                       |
| <b>Highways and Bridges:</b>                |                                    |  |  |
| Oiling                                      | 8,000.00                           | 7,510.70                                   | 8,000.00                                     |
| <b>Town Maintenance:</b>                    |                                    |  |  |
| Summer                                      | 7,000.00                           | 6,979.16                                   | 7,500.00                                     |
| Winter                                      | 6,000.00                           | 12,870.20                                  | 6,000.00                                     |
| Street Lighting                             | 2,500.00                           | 2,438.14                                   | 2,500.00                                     |
| General Expenses of Highway Dept.           | 800.00                             | 939.43                                     | 800.00                                       |
| Town Road Aid                               | 1,052.11                           | 1,052.11                                   | 1,049.27                                     |
| Libraries                                   | 1,800.00                           | 1,800.00                                   | 2,000.00                                     |
| <b>Public Welfare:</b>                      |                                    |  |  |
| Town Poor                                   | 500.00                             | 49.92                                      | 500.00                                       |
| Old Age Assistance                          | 3,200.00                           | 2,805.01                                   | 3,200.00                                     |
| <b>Patriotic Purposes:</b>                  |                                    |  |  |
| Memorial Day and Veterans' Associations     | 175.00                             | 207.46                                     | 200.00                                       |
| Aid to Soldiers and Their Families          | 50.00                              | 341.70                                     | 500.00                                       |
| <b>Recreation:</b>                          |                                    |  |  |
| Snow Fences                                 | 500.00                             | 558.85                                     | 600.00                                       |
| Parks & Playground, incl. Band Concerts     | 700.00                             | 725.10                                     | 700.00                                       |
| <b>Public Service Enterprises:</b>          |                                    |  |  |
| Cemeteries                                  | 1,350.00                           | 1,393.77                                   | 1,450.00                                     |
| Souhegan Nursing Association                | 200.00                             | 200.00                                     | 200.00                                       |

| PURPOSES OF EXPENDITURES                         | Approp'ns<br>Previous<br>Year 1956 | Actual<br>Expend.<br>Previous<br>Year 1956 | Estimated<br>Expend.<br>Ensuing<br>Year 1957 |
|--|------------------------------------|--|--|
| <b>Unclassified:</b>                             |                                    |  |  |
| Damages and Legal Expenses,                      |                                    |  |  |
| Incl. Dog Damage                                 | 100.00                             | 240.00                                     | 250.00                                       |
| Auto Permits                                     | 650.00                             | 645.00                                     | 700.00                                       |
| Trustees—Trust Funds                             |                                    | 1,297.00                                   |  |
| <b>Interest:</b>                                 |                                    |  |  |
| On Temporary Loans                               | 100.00                             | 118.76                                     | 100.00                                       |
| On Long Term Notes and Bonds                     | 250.00                             |  | 250.00                                       |
| Refund on Taxes                                  |                                    | 32.65                                      |  |
| Article 6—Marine Memorial                        | 25.00                              | 25.00                                      |  |
| Article 7—Elliott Refund                         | 682.30                             | 682.30                                     |  |
| Article 8—Town Hall Repairs                      | 2,000.00                           | 2,033.35                                   |  |
| Article 9—Fire Truck                             | 9,250.00                           |  |  |
| Article 10—Babooseic Road Improvement            | 1,000.00                           | 825.55                                     |  |
| Hydrant Rental                                   | 1,365.00                           | 1,365.00                                   | 1,365.00                                     |
| Precinct Tax                                     | 5,242.72                           | 5,242.76                                   | 5,069.95                                     |
| <b>Payment on Principal of Debt.:</b>            |                                    |  |  |
| (a) Head Tax                                     |                                    | 4,713.50                                   |  |
| (b) Taxes bought by Town                         |                                    | 2,250.51                                   |  |
| (c) Head Tax Commission                          |                                    | 154.05                                     |  |
| (d) Temporary Loan                               |                                    | 15,000.00                                  |  |
| <b>Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:</b> |                                    |  |  |
| County Taxes                                     | 14,000.00                          | 13,339.86                                  | 15,000.00                                    |
| School Taxes                                     | 100,068.67                         | 97,739.50                                  |  |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>                        |                                    | <b>\$199,149.42</b>                        |  |

**COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES — 1956**

|                                  | Approp.     | Receipts & Reimbursements 1956 | Total Amount Available 1956 | Expenditures 1956 | Unexpended Balances 1956 | Over-drafts 1956 |
|----------------------------------|-------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|------------------|
| Town Officers' Salaries          | \$ 2,020.00 | \$ 2,020.00                    | \$ 2,020.00                 | \$ 2,020.00       | \$ 289.46                | \$               |
| Town Officers' Expense           | 2,300.00    |                                | 2,300.00                    | 2,010.54          |                          |                  |
| Election and Registration        | 350.00      |                                | 350.00                      | 338.03            | 11.97                    |                  |
| Municipal Court                  | 200.00      | 400.50                         | 600.50                      | 200.00            | 400.50                   |                  |
| Town Hall & Other Town Buildings | 2,400.00    | 249.00                         | 2,649.00                    | 2,527.53          | 121.47                   |                  |
| Police Department                | 750.00      |                                | 750.00                      | 833.41            |                          | 83.41            |
| Fire Department                  | 4,000.00    | 145.01                         | 4,145.01                    | 3,745.12          | 399.89                   |                  |
| Tree Committee                   | 1,500.00    | 63.00                          | 1,563.00                    | 1,412.35          | 150.65                   |                  |
| Health Department                | 50.00       |                                | 50.00                       | 38.00             | 12.00                    |                  |
| Vital Statistics                 | 80.00       |                                | 80.00                       | 52.75             | 27.25                    |                  |
| Town Dumps                       | 200.00      |                                | 200.00                      | 370.35            |                          | 170.35           |
| Highways—Summer Maintenance      | 7,000.00    | 56.60                          | 7,056.60                    | 6,779.16          | 77.44                    |                  |
| Highways—Winter Maintenance      | 6,000.00    | 70.50                          | 6,070.50                    | 12,870.20         |                          | 6,799.70         |
| Oiling                           | 8,000.00    | 30.00                          | 8,030.00                    | 7,510.70          | 519.30                   |                  |
| Snow Fence                       | 500.00      |                                | 500.00                      | 558.85            |                          | 58.85            |
| Street Lighting                  | 2,500.00    |                                | 2,500.00                    | 2,438.14          | 61.86                    |                  |
| General Expense—Highways         | 800.00      |                                | 800.00                      | 939.43            |                          | 139.43           |
| Town Road Aid                    | 1,052.11    |                                | 1,052.11                    | 1,052.11          |                          |                  |
| Libraries                        | 1,800.00    |                                | 1,800.00                    | 1,800.00          |                          |                  |
| Town Poor                        | 500.00      |                                | 500.00                      | 49.92             | 450.08                   |                  |
| Old Age Assistance               | 3,200.00    | 1,183.24                       | 4,383.24                    | 2,805.01          | 1,578.23                 |                  |
| Memorial Day                     | 175.00      |                                | 175.00                      | 175.00            | 175.00                   | 32.46            |
| Aid to Soldiers and Families     | 50.00       |                                | 50.00                       | 341.70            | 341.70                   | 291.70           |
| Parks and Playgrounds            | 700.00      |                                | 700.00                      | 725.10            | 725.10                   | 25.10            |

|                                     |                     |                    |                     |                     |                     |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Cemeteries                          | 1,350.00            | 180.00             | 1,530.00            | 1,393.77            | 136.23              |
| Souhegan Valley Nursing Association | 200.00              |                    | 200.00              | 200.00              |                     |
| Dog Damage & Legal Expense          | 100.00              |                    | 100.00              | 240.00              | 140.00              |
| Auto Permits                        | 650.00              |                    | 650.00              | 645.00              | 5.00                |
| Trustees of Trust Funds             |                     |                    |                     | 1,297.00            |                     |
| Tax Refunds                         | 1,365.00            |                    | 1,365.00            | 32.65               |                     |
| Hydrant Rentals                     | 25.00               |                    | 25.00               | 1,365.00            |                     |
| Town Clock                          |                     |                    |                     | 25.00               |                     |
| Taxes Bought by Town                |                     |                    |                     | 2,250.51            |                     |
| Interest on Short Term Notes        | 100.00              |                    | 100.00              | 118.76              |                     |
| Interest on Long Term Notes         | 250.00              |                    | 250.00              | 250.00              | 18.76               |
| Head Tax                            |                     |                    |                     |                     |                     |
| Head Tax Commission                 |                     |                    |                     | 4,713.50            |                     |
| Precinct Tax                        | 5,242.72            |                    | 5,242.72            | 5,242.76            | .04                 |
| Temporary Loans                     |                     |                    |                     | 15,000.00           |                     |
| Article 6—Marine Memorial           | 25.00               |                    | 25.00               | 25.00               |                     |
| Article 7—Elliot Refund             | 682.30              |                    | 682.30              | 682.30              |                     |
| Article 8—Town Hall Renovation      | 2,000.00            |                    | 2,000.00            | 2,033.35            |                     |
| Article 9—New Fire Truck            | 9,250.00            |                    | 3,250.00            | 3,250.00            | 33.35               |
| Article 10—Babosic Rd. Improve.     | 1,000.00            |                    | 1,000.00            | 825.55              |                     |
| School District—1955-56 Balance     | 16,739.50           |                    | 16,739.50           | 174.45              |                     |
| School District 1956-57             | 100,068.67          |                    | 100,068.67          | 81,000.00           | 19,068.67           |
| County Tax                          | 14,000.00           |                    | 14,000.00           | 13,339.86           | 660.14              |
|                                     |                     |                    |                     |                     |                     |
|                                     | <u>\$199,175.30</u> | <u>\$ 2,377.85</u> | <u>\$195,553.15</u> | <u>\$199,149.42</u> | <u>\$ 27,644.59</u> |
| Balance due on School Appropriation |                     |                    |                     |                     |                     |
|                                     |                     |                    |                     |                     |                     |
|                                     |                     |                    |                     | <u>\$ 19,068.67</u> | <u>\$ 7,793.15</u>  |
|                                     |                     |                    |                     |                     |                     |
|                                     |                     |                    |                     | <u>\$ 8,575.92</u>  | <u>\$ 7,793.15</u>  |
|                                     |                     |                    |                     |                     |                     |
|                                     |                     |                    |                     | <u>\$ 782.77</u>    | <u>\$ 782.77</u>    |

Net unexpended balance of Appropriations and Credits

## COMPARATIVE INVENTORY

|                      | 1955           | 1956           |
|----------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Land and Buildings   | \$1,919,425.00 | \$2,075,560.00 |
| Electric Plants      | 118,000.00     | 109,000.00     |
| Horses               | 39             | 31             |
| Neat Stock           | 35             | 29             |
| Cows                 | 442            | 460            |
| Sheep and Goats      | 48             | 79             |
| Hens                 | 24,528         | 24,115         |
| Hogs                 | 6              | 60.00          |
| Gasoline Pumps       | 875.00         | 875.00         |
| Water Systems        | 300.00         | 300.00         |
| Wood and Lumber      | 19,740.00      | 19,400.00      |
| Mills and Machinery  | 5,700.00       | 5,650.00       |
| Stock in Trade       | 21,775.00      | 22,350.00      |
|                      | <hr/>          | <hr/>          |
| Veteran's Exemptions | 153,250.00     | 141,775.00     |
| Net Taxable Property | <hr/>          | <hr/>          |
| Tax Rate per 100     | 6.96           | 6.70           |
| School Rate          | 4.98           | 4.66           |
| Town Rate            | 1.98           | 2.04           |
| Precinct Rate        | 1.00           | .82            |

## BALANCE SHEET

### ASSETS

#### Cash:

|                                     |                 |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------|
| In hands of Treasurer               | \$17,140.49     |
| Capital Reserve Funds:              |                 |
| Grader Fund                         | 1,657.67        |
| Accounts Due to the Town:           |                 |
| Due from State                      | 1,681.50        |
| Unredeemed Taxes:                   |                 |
| (a) Levy of 1956                    | 1,420.04        |
| (b) Levy of 1955                    | 117.36          |
| (c) Levy of 1954                    | 219.42          |
| (d) Previous Years                  | 91.97           |
| Uncollected Taxes:                  |                 |
| (a) Levy of 1956                    | 31,097.58       |
| (b) Levy of 1955                    | 53.29           |
| (c) Levy of 1954                    | 8.00            |
| (d) Previous Years                  | 13.94           |
| (e) State Head Taxes—Levy of 1956   | 1,085.00        |
| (f) State Head Taxes—Previous Years | 91.00           |
| <br>Total Assets                    | <br>\$54,677.26 |
| Grand Total                         | \$54,677.26     |

### LIABILITIES

#### Accounts Owed by the Town:

|   |                 |
|---|-----------------|
| Article 9, Fire Truck                       | \$3,250.00      |
| Article 11, Baboosic Road Improvement       | 174.45          |
| Due to State:                               |                 |
| (a) State Head Taxes—1956                   |                 |
| (Uncollected \$1,085.00)                    |                 |
| (Collected—not remitted to                  |                 |
| State Treasurer \$60.00)                    | 1,145.00        |
| Due to School Districts:                    |                 |
| Balance of Appropriation                    | 19,068.67       |
| Capital Reserve Funds:                      |                 |
| Grader Fund                                 | 1,657.67        |
| <br>Total Liabilities                       | <br>\$25,295.79 |
| Excess of assets over liabilities (surplus) | 29,381.47       |
| <br>Grand Total                             | <br>\$54,677.26 |

## SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

| Description   | Value                     |
|---|---------------------------|
| 1. Town Hall, land and buildings                                      | \$40,000.00               |
| Furniture and equipment   | 1,500.00                  |
| 2. Libraries, land and buildings                                      | 18,000.00                 |
| Furniture and equipment   | 5,000.00                  |
| 3. Police Department, land and buildings                              | 100.00                    |
| Equipment   |                           |
| 4. Fire Department, land and buildings                                | 8,000.00                  |
| Equipment   | 10,000.00                 |
| 5. Highway Department, land and buildings                             | 1,000.00                  |
| Equipment   | 6,000.00                  |
| 6. Parks, Commons and Playgrounds                                     | 5,000.00                  |
| 8. Dump   | 100.00                    |
| 9. Schools, land and buildings  | 130,000.00                |
| Equipment   | 8,000.00                  |
| 11. All land and buildings acquired<br>through Tax Collector's deeds: |                           |
| Harding and Cassidy lots, 2 acres                                     | 25.00                     |
| Whitmore lot  | 20.00                     |
| W. A. Barnard lot, 50 acres   | 250.00                    |
| Proctor lot, 25 acres   | 125.00                    |
| Winslow lot, 9 acres  | 15.00                     |
| <b>TOTAL</b>  | <hr/> <b>\$233,135.00</b> |

## TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

### AUTOMOBILE ACCOUNT

|   |             |
|---|-------------|
| 49 (1955) Auto Permits Jan. 1-Apr. 1, 1956    | \$ 115.23   |
| 1248 (1956) Auto Permits Jan. 1-Dec. 31, 1956 | 10,959.99   |
|   | <hr/>       |
|   | \$11,075.22 |

### DOG ACCOUNT

|                               |          |
|-------------------------------|----------|
| 260 Male or Spayed Dogs       | \$520.00 |
| 46 Female Dogs                | 230.00   |
| 2 Dog Licenses, part year     | 2.00     |
| 3 Kennel Licenses             | 44.00    |
|                               | <hr/>    |
|                               | \$796.00 |
| Commission for licensing dogs | 62.20    |
|                               | <hr/>    |
|                               | \$733.80 |

The law requires owner or keeper of dogs to have same licensed on or before the thirtieth day of April each year. Special notice will not be sent. If your dog loses the tag, please notify Town Clerk for a new one.

All dogs THREE MONTHS OLD must be licensed. Dogs must be collared and licensed according to Chapter 180 of R. L. of N. H.

CATHERINE A. KRUGER,  
Town Clerk.

## TAX COLLECTORS REPORT

### SUMMARY OF WARRANT PROPERTY, POLL AND YIELD TAXES

#### LEVY OF 1956

Dr.

Taxes Committed to Collector:

|                           |              |
|---------------------------|--------------|
| Property Taxes            | \$148,925.07 |
| Poll Taxes                | 1,534.00     |
| Yield Taxes               | 1,324.38     |
| National Bank Stock Taxes | 72.40        |
|                           | \$151,855.85 |
| Total Warrant             | \$151,855.85 |
| Added Taxes:              |              |
| Property Taxes            | \$609.70     |
| Poll Taxes                | 4.00         |
|                           | \$613.70     |
| Interest Collected        | 23.74        |
| Overpayments              | 27.65        |
|                           | \$152,520.94 |
| Total Debits              | \$152,520.94 |

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Remittances to Treasurer:

|   |              |
|---|--------------|
| Property Taxes                              | \$118,888.77 |
| Poll Taxes                                  | 1,231.80     |
| Yield Taxes                                 | 524.35       |
| Bank Stock Taxes                            | 72.40        |
| Interest Collected                          | 23.74        |
| Discount Allowed                            | 31.40        |
| Abatements                                  | 650.90       |
| Uncollected Taxes as per Collector's Lists: |              |
| Property Taxes                              | \$29,989.35  |
| Poll Taxes                                  | 308.20       |
| Yield Taxes                                 | 800.03       |
| Total Credits                               | \$152,520.94 |

## SUMMARY OF WARRANT

### STATE HEAD TAX

#### LEVY OF 1956

Dr.

##### State Head Taxes Committed To Collector:

|                     |            |
|---------------------|------------|
| Original Warrant    | \$5,110.00 |
| Added Taxes         | 5.00       |
| Overpayment         | 5.00       |
| Penalties Collected | 5.50       |

|              |            |
|--------------|------------|
| Total Debits | \$5,125.50 |
|--------------|------------|

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##### Remittances to Treasurer:

|            |            |
|------------|------------|
| Head Taxes | \$4,035.00 |
| Penalties  | 5.50       |

|                                      |            |
|--------------------------------------|------------|
| Uncollected as per Collector's List: | \$4,040.50 |
|                                      | 1,085.00   |

|               |            |
|---------------|------------|
| Total Credits | \$5,125.50 |
|---------------|------------|

SUMMARY OF WARRANT  
PROPERTY, POLL AND YIELD TAXES

LEVY OF 1955

Dr.

Uncollected Taxes as of January 1, 1956:

|                |             |
|----------------|-------------|
| Property Taxes | \$24,819.78 |
| Poll Taxes     | 296.00      |
| Yield Taxes    | 228.11      |
| <hr/>          |             |
|                | \$25,343.89 |

Added Taxes:

|                |         |
|----------------|---------|
| Property Taxes | \$22.62 |
| Poll Taxes     | 26.00   |
| <hr/>          |         |
|                | 48.62   |

|                                       |        |
|---------------------------------------|--------|
| Cash in hands of Collector            | 7.56   |
| Interest collected during Fiscal Year | 896.57 |

|              |             |
|--------------|-------------|
| Total Debits | \$26,296.64 |
|--------------|-------------|

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Remittances to Treasurer During Fiscal Year:

|                |             |
|----------------|-------------|
| Property Taxes | \$24,784.98 |
| Poll Taxes     | 266.00      |
| Yield Taxes    | 190.82      |
| <hr/>          |             |
|                | \$25,241.80 |

|               |      |
|---------------|------|
| Cash Remitted | 7.56 |
|---------------|------|

Abatements:

|                |         |
|----------------|---------|
| Property Taxes | \$57.42 |
| Poll Taxes     | 40.00   |
| <hr/>          |         |
|                | 97.42   |

Uncollected per list:

|                                      |             |
|--------------------------------------|-------------|
| Yield                                | \$37.29     |
| Poll                                 | 16.00       |
| <hr/>                                |             |
|                                      | 53.29       |
| Interest remitted during fiscal year |             |
|                                      | 896.57      |
| <hr/>                                |             |
| Total Credits                        | \$26,296.64 |

**SUMMARY OF WARRANT  
STATE HEAD TAX  
LEVY OF 1955**

Dr.

**Uncollected Taxes:**

|                                 |            |
|---------------------------------|------------|
| As of January 1, 1956           | \$1,060.00 |
| Added Taxes during 1956         | 65.00      |
| Uncollected penalties due       | 1.00       |
| Penalties collected during 1956 | 93.00      |

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|--------------|------------------|
| Total Debits | <hr/> \$1,219.00 |
|--------------|------------------|

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**Remittances to Treasurer:**

|           |          |
|-----------|----------|
| Head Tax  | \$955.00 |
| Penalties | 93.00    |

|                       |            |
|-----------------------|------------|
| Abatements            | \$1,048.00 |
| Uncollected           | 110.00     |
| Uncollected Penalties | 60.00      |
|                       | 1.00       |

|               |                  |
|---------------|------------------|
| Total Credits | <hr/> \$1,219.00 |
|---------------|------------------|

**SUMMARY OF WARRANT  
PROPERTY, POLL AND YIELD TAXES  
LEVY OF 1954**

**Uncollected Taxes as of January 1956:**

|          |         |
|----------|---------|
| Property | \$ 6.16 |
| Yield    | 279.60  |
| Poll     | 18.00   |

|                                       |        |
|---------------------------------------|--------|
| Interest collected during Fiscal Year | 303.76 |
|                                       | 38.91  |

|              |                |
|--------------|----------------|
| Total Debits | <hr/> \$342.67 |
|--------------|----------------|

|  |                                |            |           |           |
|--|--------------------------------|------------|-----------|-----------|
|  | Cr.                            |            |           |           |
| Remittances to Treasurer during Fiscal Year:         |                                |            |           |           |
| Property Tax   |                                | \$ 6.16    |           |           |
| Poll Tax   |                                | 2.00       |           |           |
| Yield Tax  |                                | 279.60     |           |           |
|  |                                |            | \$287.76  |           |
| Abatements made during year                          |                                |            | 8.00      |           |
| Uncollected polls as per list                        |                                |            | 8.00      |           |
| Interest collected                                   |                                |            | 38.91     |           |
|  |                                |            |           | \$342.67  |
| Total Credits  |                                |            |           |           |
|  | SUMMARY OF WARRANT             |            |           |           |
|  | STATE HEAD TAX                 |            |           |           |
|  | LEVY OF 1954                   |            |           |           |
|  | Dr.                            |            |           |           |
| Uncollected Taxes as of Jan. 1, 1956                 |                                |            | \$50.00   |           |
|  | Cr.                            |            |           |           |
| Remittances to Treasurer                             |                                | \$ 5.00    |           |           |
| Abated   |                                | 15.00      |           |           |
| Uncollected as per list                              |                                | 30.00      |           |           |
|  |                                |            |           |           |
| Total Credits  |                                |            | \$50.00   |           |
|  | SUMMARY OF WARRANT             |            |           |           |
|  | PROPERTY, POLL AND YIELD TAXES |            |           |           |
|  | LEVY OF 1953                   |            |           |           |
|  | Dr.                            |            |           |           |
| Uncollected Taxes as of January 1, 1956:             |                                |            |           |           |
| Property   |                                | \$13.25    |           |           |
| Poll   |                                | 2.00       |           |           |
|  |                                |            |           |           |
| Total Debits   |                                |            | \$15.25   |           |
|  | Cr.                            |            |           |           |
| Remittances to Treasurer:                            |                                |            |           |           |
| Property   |                                | \$ 1.31    |           |           |
| Uncollected as per list                              |                                | 13.94      |           |           |
|  |                                |            |           |           |
| Total Credits  |                                |            | \$15.25   |           |
| Summary of Tax Sale Accounts—as of December 31, 1956 |                                |            |           |           |
|  | Dr.                            |            |           |           |
|  | Tax Sales for year of:         |            |           |           |
|  | 1955                           | 1954       | 1953      | Previous  |
| Taxes sold Town in 1956                              | \$2,250.51                     | \$ 990.89  | \$ 395.30 | \$ 101.93 |
| Balance Unredeemed 1/1/56                            |                                |            |           |           |
| Interest after sale                                  | 5.88                           | 39.61      | 23.79     |           |
| Redemption Costs                                     | 40.30                          |            |           |           |
| TOTAL DEBITS   | \$2,296.69                     | \$1,030.50 | \$ 419.09 | \$ 101.93 |
|  | 22                             |            |           |           |



State of New Hampshire:

|                                  |           |
|----------------------------------|-----------|
| Head Tax reimbursement           | \$ 45.78  |
| Reimbursement                    |           |
| Fed. & State Forest lands        | 6.94      |
| O.A.A. recovery                  | 1,183.24  |
| Forest fires                     | 44.01     |
| Savings bank tax                 | 107.62    |
| Railroad tax                     | 29.14     |
| Interest and dividend tax        | 11,443.24 |
|                                  | _____     |
|                                  | 12,859.97 |
| Filing fees                      | 8.00      |
| Richard G. Crocker, Road Agent   |           |
| Harold L. Aldrich, Winter Maint. | \$10.50   |
| Plowing, Carl S. Merrill         | 25.00     |
| Plowing, Mrs. Theodora Lincoln   | 35.00     |
| Oiling                           | 30.00     |
| Grader rental                    | 42.00     |
|                                  | _____     |
|                                  | 142.50    |
| George H. Howard, Clerk          |           |
| Municipal Court, Fines           | 400.50    |
| Gifts—Perpetual Care:            |           |
| Alvin Fletcher                   | \$150.00  |
| E. Florence Snarberg             | 150.00    |
| Marion Searles                   | 150.00    |
| Dolly Jackson                    | 200.00    |
| Margaret Staples                 | 150.00    |
| Howard R. Locke (balance)        | 155.00    |
| Elna P. Howard                   | 300.00    |
|                                  | _____     |
|                                  | 1,255.00  |
| Tree Committee:                  |           |
| John Fuller                      | \$17.50   |
| School District                  | 35.00     |
| Hamilton Dunbar                  | 10.50     |
|                                  | _____     |
|                                  | 63.00     |

Edwin F. Locke, Fire Chief:  
Burning without permit

|                            |              |
|----------------------------|--------------|
| Henry Gervais              | \$ 9.25      |
| H. Otto                    | 5.45         |
| Fay Andrews                | 25.55        |
| W. Morello                 | 3.95         |
| Glenn Jackson              | 18.30        |
| Homer McMurray             | 38.50        |
|                            | 101.00       |
| Total Receipts             | \$196,436.17 |
| On hand January 1, 1956    | 19,853.74    |
|                            | 216,289.91   |
| Less Selectmen orders paid | 199,149.42   |
| Balance December 31, 1956  | \$ 17,140.49 |

CATHERINE A. KRUGER,  
Town Treasurer

## REPORT OF SELECTMEN

Expended:

| Town Officers' Salaries          |            |
|----------------------------------|------------|
| Allen D. Howard, Selectman       | \$350.00   |
| Donald T. Atkinson, Selectman    | 350.00     |
| George A. Knight, Selectman      | 350.00     |
| Barbara H. Landry, Tax Collector | 400.00     |
| Catherine A. Kruger, Treasurer   | 200.00     |
| Catherine A. Kruger, Town Clerk  | 200.00     |
| Howard A. Arnold, Trust Funds    | 70.00      |
| Orson H. Bragdon, Auditor        | 50.00      |
| George H. Howard, Auditor        | 50.00      |
|                                  | \$2,020.00 |
| Appropriation                    | \$2,020.00 |

### Town Officers' Expenses

Expended:

|   |            |
|---|------------|
| Allen D. Howard, use of car                     | \$ 20.00   |
| Donald T. Atkinson, use of car                  | 15.00      |
| George A. Knight, use of car                    | 15.00      |
| Cabinet Press,<br>printing Town Reports         | 891.07     |
| Printing of notices, forms &<br>office supplies | 699.71     |
| Association dues & cost of meetings             | 18.00      |
| Souhegan Nat'l. Bank, safe deposit<br>box       | 5.00       |
| Town Officers' bonds & insurance                | 238.76     |
| Barbara H. Landry, clerical work                | 100.00     |
| Elna P. Howard, clerical work                   | 8.00       |
|   | \$2,010.54 |
| Appropriation                                   | \$2,300.00 |

### Election and Registration

Expended:

|                              |          |
|------------------------------|----------|
| Harold H. Wilkins, Moderator | \$ 31.50 |
| Supervisors of Check List:   |          |
| Walter Wiggin                | 38.00    |
| Lilla M. Brown               | 31.00    |
| George A. Knight             | 14.00    |
| Frank L. Pearson             | 42.53    |
| Donald O. Young              | 18.00    |

Ballot Clerks:

|                                    |       |
|------------------------------------|-------|
| Dwight P. Brown                    | 23.00 |
| Robert Hancock                     | 32.50 |
| Ernest C. Stewart                  | 35.50 |
| George H. Howard                   | 18.00 |
| Donald O. Young                    | 3.00  |
| Orson H. Bragdon                   | 3.00  |
| Randolph Kruger                    | 3.00  |
| Assistant Town Clerk Wanda Coffeen | 10.00 |
| Police at Elections,               |       |
| Albert H. Junkins                  | 35.00 |

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\$338.03

Appropriation      \$350.00

Expenses Town Hall

Expended:

|  |          |
|--|----------|
| Draper Fuel Co., oil                   | \$816.47 |
| Wilton Plumbing Co., repairs           |          |
| to oil burner                          | 51.93    |
| W. D. Bell, gas                        | 109.50   |
| New Eng. Telephone Co., telephone      | 114.88   |
| Amherst Village District, water        | 30.00    |
| Public Serv. Co. of N. H., electricity | 293.82   |
| Liberty Mutual Ins. Co., insurance     | 576.18   |
| Dwight P. Brown,                       |          |
| janitor service & repair               | 480.00   |
| Kenneth Durant, rubbish disposal       | 39.00    |
| Supplies                               | 15.75    |

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\$2,527.53

Appropriation      \$2,400.00

Police Department

Expended:

|                                      |          |
|--------------------------------------|----------|
| Albert Junkins, Constable            | \$534.80 |
| Harold Aldrich, Special Officer      | 120.95   |
| Frank Hall, Special Officer          | 60.00    |
| Howard French, Special Officer       | 38.00    |
| Arthur Underwood, Special Officer    | 5.00     |
| Thomas Crocker, Special Officer      | 7.00     |
| Oscar Burns, M. D., services         | 4.00     |
| Disposing of dogs, N. H. Humane Soc. | 18.00    |
| Insurance                            | 10.00    |
| Supplies                             | 35.66    |

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\$833.41

Appropriation      \$750.00

## Fire Department

Expended:

|  |            |
|--|------------|
| Edwin F. Locke, Chief and<br>Forest Fire Warden  | \$ 50.00   |
| Edward Marcheldon, Assisant Chief                | 15.00      |
| Ezra Edwards, Assistant Chief                    | 15.00      |
| Firemen's wages                                  | 1,566.07   |
| Edwin F. Locke,<br>inspecting oil burners        | 25.00      |
| Charles Duval, janitor service                   | 100.00     |
| Guy Nelson, snow removal                         | 48.00      |
| Edward Marchildon,<br>shoveling hydrants         | 6.60       |
| Edwin F. Locke, fire school tuition              | 5.00       |
| New Eng. Tel. & Tel. Co., telephone              | 296.08     |
| Milford Grain & Coal Co., heating oil            | 215.60     |
| Public Serv. Co. of N. H., electricity           | 131.66     |
| Milford Board of Public Works,<br>hydrant rental | 40.00      |
| Insurance  | 379.15     |
| Supplies and maintenance of equip.               | 336.96     |
| C. A. Watkins Co., fire hose                     | 485.00     |
| Amherst Village District, water                  | 30.00      |
|  | \$3,745.12 |
| Appropriation                                    | \$4,000.00 |

## Memorial Day

Expended:

|                             |          |
|-----------------------------|----------|
| Ferdinandos Band, music     | \$125.00 |
| Rev. Frank Weiskel, speaker | 10.00    |
| Flags                       | 31.46    |
| Wreaths and flowers         | 33.00    |
| Programs                    | 8.00     |
|                             | \$207.46 |
| Appropriation               | \$175.00 |

### **Town Poor**

#### **Expended:**

|                                 |          |         |
|---------------------------------|----------|---------|
| Thrift Stores for Alfred Townes |          |         |
| Groceries                       |          | \$49.92 |
| Appropriation                   | \$500.00 |         |

### **Old Age Assistance**

#### **Expended:**

|                        |            |            |
|------------------------|------------|------------|
| State of New Hampshire |            | \$2,805.01 |
| Appropriation          | \$3,200.00 |            |

### **Soldiers Aid**

#### **Expended:**

|                        |          |          |
|------------------------|----------|----------|
| Moore General Hospital | \$291.70 |          |
| Dr. H. Lun Tung        | 40.00    |          |
| Frank Seldon, M.D.     | 10.00    |          |
| <hr/>                  |          |          |
| Appropriation          | \$50.00  | \$341.70 |

### **Summer Maintenance**

#### **Expended:**

|                 |            |            |
|-----------------|------------|------------|
| Richard Crocker |            | \$6,979.16 |
| Appropriation   | \$7,000.00 |            |

### **Winter Maintenance**

#### **Expended:**

|                    |             |             |
|--------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Harold L. Aldrich  | \$ 4,994.46 |             |
| Richard G. Crocker | 7,875.74    |             |
| <hr/>              |             |             |
| Appropriation      | \$6,000.00  | \$12,870.20 |

### Oiling

|                    |            |            |
|--------------------|------------|------------|
| Expended:          |            |            |
| Richard G. Crocker |            | \$7,510.70 |
| Appropriation      | \$8,000.00 |            |

### General Expenses of Highway Department

|                    |          |          |
|--------------------|----------|----------|
| Expended:          |          |          |
| Richard G. Crocker |          | \$939.43 |
| Appropriation      | \$800.00 |          |

### Dumps

|                    |          |          |
|--------------------|----------|----------|
| Expended:          |          |          |
| Richard G. Crocker |          | \$370.35 |
| Appropriation      | \$200.00 |          |

### Town Road Aid

|                        |            |            |
|------------------------|------------|------------|
| Expended:              |            |            |
| State of New Hampshire |            | \$1,052.11 |
| Appropriation          | \$1,052.11 |            |

### Snow Fences

|               |          |          |
|---------------|----------|----------|
| Expended      |          | \$558.85 |
| Appropriation | \$500.00 |          |

### Parks and Playgrounds

|                    |          |          |
|--------------------|----------|----------|
| Expended:          |          |          |
| Richard G. Crocker |          | \$725.10 |
| Appropriation      | \$700.00 |          |

### Tree Program

|                                   |            |            |
|-----------------------------------|------------|------------|
| Expended:                         |            |            |
| Harold Aldrich, brush removal     | \$ 104.00  |            |
| Richard G. Crocker, brush removal | 332.35     |            |
| Bartlett Tree Service, spraying & |            |            |
| trimming                          | 746.00     |            |
| Harry Melendy, new trees          | 120.00     |            |
| Guy Nelson, digging holes & loam  | 110.00     |            |
|                                   |            | _____      |
| Appropriation                     | \$1,500.00 | \$1,412.35 |

### Street Lighting

|                             |            |            |
|-----------------------------|------------|------------|
| Expended:                   |            |            |
| Public Service Co. of N. H. |            | \$2,438.14 |
| Appropriation               | \$2,500.00 |            |

### Cemeteries

#### Expended:

|                   |            |            |
|-------------------|------------|------------|
| Clarence H. Hagar |            | \$1,393.77 |
| Appropriation     | \$1,350.00 |            |

### Trustees of Trust Funds

#### Expended:

|                         |  |            |
|-------------------------|--|------------|
| Trustees of trust funds |  | \$1,297.00 |
| (Includes Grader Fund)  |  |            |

### Town Clock

#### Expended:

|                 |         |         |
|-----------------|---------|---------|
| Dwight P. Brown |         | \$25.00 |
| Appropriation   | \$25.00 |         |

### Library

#### Expended:

|                      |            |            |
|----------------------|------------|------------|
| Amherst Town Library |            | \$1,800.00 |
| Appropriation        | \$1,800.00 |            |

### Souhegan Nursing Association

#### Expended:

|                                     |          |          |
|-------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Souhegan Valley Nursing Association |          | \$200.00 |
| Appropriation                       | \$200.00 |          |

### Dog Damage & Legal Expenses

#### Expended:

|                                  |          |          |
|----------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Forest Jasper, chickens          | \$ 90.00 |          |
| Max Holland, sheep               | 25.00    |          |
| Wallace Warren, sheep            | 25.00    |          |
| Charles J. Lincoln, Town Counsel | 100.00   |          |
|                                  |          | _____    |
| Appropriation                    | \$100.00 | \$240.00 |

### Health Department

#### Expended:

|                                    |         |         |
|------------------------------------|---------|---------|
| Oscar Burns, M. D., Health Officer |         | \$38.00 |
| Appropriation                      | \$50.00 |         |

### Vital Statistics

#### Expended:

|  |         |         |
|--|---------|---------|
| Catherine A. Kruger, recording<br>statistics, fees to doctors and<br>clergymen |         | \$52.75 |
| Appropriation  | \$80.00 |         |

### Auto Permits

|                     |          |          |
|---------------------|----------|----------|
| Expended:           |          |          |
| Catherine A. Kruger |          | \$645.00 |
| Appropriation       | \$650.00 |          |

### Municipal Court

|                                  |          |       |
|----------------------------------|----------|-------|
| Expended:                        |          |       |
| Charles J. Lincoln, Judge        | \$100.00 |       |
| William C. Vose, Associate Judge | 50.00    |       |
| George H. Howard, Clerk          | 50.00    |       |
|                                  |          | _____ |
| Appropriation                    | \$200.00 |       |

### Taxes Bought by Town

|                       |  |            |
|-----------------------|--|------------|
| Expended:             |  |            |
| Tax Sale on 1955 levy |  | \$2,250.51 |

### Temporary Loans

|                        |  |             |
|------------------------|--|-------------|
| Expended:              |  |             |
| Souhegan National Bank |  | \$15,000.00 |

### Interest

|                        |          |          |
|------------------------|----------|----------|
| Expended:              |          |          |
| Souhegan National Bank |          | \$118.76 |
| Appropriation          | \$100.00 |          |

### Head Tax

|                                |            |            |
|--------------------------------|------------|------------|
| Expended:                      |            |            |
| Treas., State of New Hampshire | \$4,713.50 |            |
| Barbara H. Landry              | 154.05     |            |
|                                | _____      |            |
|                                |            | \$4,867.55 |

### County Tax

|                               |             |             |
|-------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Expended:                     |             |             |
| Treas. of Hillsborough County |             | \$13,339.86 |
| Appropriation                 | \$14,000.00 |             |

### Precinct Tax

|                          |            |            |
|--------------------------|------------|------------|
| Expended:                |            |            |
| Amherst Village District |            | \$5,242.76 |
| Appropriation            | \$5,242.72 |            |

### Hydrant Rental

|                          |            |            |
|--------------------------|------------|------------|
| Expended:                |            |            |
| Amherst Village District |            | \$1,365.00 |
| Appropriation            | \$1,365.00 |            |

### School District

#### Expended:

|                                   |         |             |
|-----------------------------------|---------|-------------|
| 1955-56 Appropriation             | Balance | \$16,739.50 |
| 1956-57 On acc't of Appropriation |         | 81,000.00   |

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|---------------|--------------|
| Appropriation | \$100,068.67 |
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|  | \$97,739.50 |
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### Refund Overpayment of Taxes

#### Expended:

|                   |         |
|-------------------|---------|
| Barbara H. Landry | \$32.65 |
|-------------------|---------|

### Article 6

#### Expended:

|                       |         |
|-----------------------|---------|
| N. H. Marine Memorial | \$25.00 |
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|---------------|---------|
| Appropriation | \$25.00 |
|---------------|---------|

### Article 7

#### Expended:

|                               |        |
|-------------------------------|--------|
| Hiram R. Elliott, overpayment | 682.30 |
|-------------------------------|--------|

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|---------------|----------|
| Appropriation | \$682.30 |
|---------------|----------|

### Article 8 Town Hall Renovation

#### Expended:

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|--|-----------|
| Reginald S. Going,<br>painting Town Hall | \$ 387.02 |
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|---|--------|
| Dionne Bros., Formica tops<br>on counters | 274.32 |
|---|--------|

|                                    |       |
|------------------------------------|-------|
| Owen Fisk, rewiring stage & blower | 40.00 |
|------------------------------------|-------|

|  |        |
|--|--------|
| Carl Stimson, blower & hood<br>for kitchen | 282.35 |
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|--|--|
| Fortescue Construction Co., repairs<br>to Church steeple and roof of |  |
|--|--|

|           |          |
|-----------|----------|
| Town Hall | 1,049.66 |
|-----------|----------|

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|  |            |
|--|------------|
|  | \$2,033.35 |
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|---------------|------------|
| Appropriation | \$2,000.00 |
|---------------|------------|

### Article 11 Baboosic Road Improvement

#### Expended:

|                    |          |
|--------------------|----------|
| Richard G. Crocker | \$825.55 |
|--------------------|----------|

|               |            |
|---------------|------------|
| Appropriation | \$1,000.00 |
|---------------|------------|

## NARRATIVE REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN

In the year 1956 your Selectmen have endeavored to carry out various projects voted upon and approved at the March meeting as efficiently and economically as possible.

### Articles in Warrant

#### Article 8: Repair and Renovation of Town Hall.

In the summer it was discovered that the timbers of the church steeple, which is owned by the Town, were in very poor condition and in case of high winds might be considered hazardous. The Selectmen having no appropriation for this purpose, considered this as emergency and decided to take part of the town hall money for this purpose.

Fortescue Construction Co. of Nashua was low bidder on the project and was awarded the contract. The work consisted of replacing all the carrying timbers and braces, one new post, new ceiling over the bell, and the correction of flashing around the steeple at a cost of \$825.55.

The renovation of the Town Hall is in its second year with a committee appointed by the moderator to help the Selectmen. Members of this committee appointed by the moderator are Carl Peterson, Louis Heaton and Dwight Brown. Exterior work consisted of repairing of the roof, repairs and replacement of flashing, and repairs to the gutters. The hall, fire escapes and roof were painted. All broken glass was replaced and the windows repainted and painted.

Interior work was the cleaning of the dressing room which had been considered a fire hazard. It was painted and new wiring installed.

Improvements in the kitchen consisted of installation of Formica tops on counters which should improve sanitary conditions. A new exhaust blower and hood were installed over the stove, also a vent from the gas heater to eliminate odor and smoke.

The Selectmen feel that this renovation should continue and are inserting an article in the warrant to this effect.

Article 9. The new fire truck has been ordered but not delivered due to the fact that the pump of the type specified in the contract was not available. It is now in the process of construction and delivery is promised in the month of March.

Article 11. The Baboosic Road Improvement consisted of cutting back of a bad corner near the home of James Young with resurfacing to be completed in 1957.

As we all know the cost of winter maintenance has been unusually high with an overexpenditure of \$6,799.70 and the Selectmen are inserting an article in the warrant to make up the deficit.

A program bringing highway workers, fireman and police under the Workingmen's Compensation Act has been set up. Insurance has been added on the same group and these two should give a certain amount of security in case of accident.

Amherst had a somewhat lower tax rate this year but with ever increasing costs of schools, roads and various departments it seems inevitable that the taxpayers are faced with the fact that the tax rate will increase in 1957.

#### REPORT OF HIGHWAY AGENT

The spring of 1956 found many roads with excessive mud. It was necessary to spot gravel the following: Charlie Wright's Road, Brook Road, Austin Road, Hubbard's Road and Mann's Road. The Fellow's Farm Road on Chestnut Hill was in such condition that it would have been necessary to gravel the whole road in order to make it passable. Your Highway Department did not do this because of the cost of such a project in early spring. Later in the summer it was decided to do preliminary work on that road as required by T. R. A. construction. Also included in the T. R. A. program was Completion of Mann's Road and the Austin Road except for surface treatment. Construction on Walnut Hill Road from Clark's Island Road to the Baboosic Road was started with the remainder of the funds.

Your Highway Department's grading program was started in April and continued through the summer months. It was necessary to make extensive repairs on the grader in order to keep it in running condition so that we could use it this winter winging back snow, etc.

The oiling program included a sealer coat on Chestnut Hill, resurfacing the Baboosic Road to Gleasons and Clark's Avenue, Peaslee's Road to Knights, the South Merrimack Road from Max Hollands to the South Merrimack Line.

The Summer Maintenance Program included the replacement of thirteen culverts, setting of one hundred and twelve posts with reflective markers at culverts, bridges, etc. Thirty seven signs were posted in various sections of town. The program also took care of necessary repairs to roads, bridges and the mowing of brush.

RICHARD G. CROOKER

Highway Agent



## REPORT OF THE HIGHWAY AGENT

Richard G. Crocker

### GENERAL EXPENSES

|  |          |
|--|----------|
| Appropriation  | \$800.00 |
| R. C. Hazelton Co., Inc., parts & repairs                      | \$435.29 |
| Treasurer, State of New Hampshire, signs                       | 25.00    |
| Donel Supply, signs  | 21.25    |
| Bob's Auto Service, gas & oil                                  | 66.25    |
| Souhegan National Bank, supplies                               | 4.72     |
| Wilton Lumber Company, cedar posts                             | 16.25    |
| The Country Stores Inc., supplies                              | 7.00     |
| Public Service Company of New Hampshire,<br>Town Barn lights   | 3.87     |
| Marsh & McLeman, Workmen's Compensation<br>Employers Liability | 276.30   |
| Harlan Holt, grader insurance                                  | 83.50    |
|  | -----    |
|  | \$939.43 |

### DUMP

|                              |          |
|------------------------------|----------|
| Appropriation                | \$200.00 |
| McKay & Wright, shovel       | \$ 56.00 |
| McKay & Wright, two trucks   | 41.00    |
| A. J. McKay, bulldozer       | 68.00    |
| John Hanlon, labor           | 4.40     |
| Charles Duval, labor         | 4.40     |
| Ernest Miles, labor          | 12.10    |
| Guy Bills, labor             | 35.20    |
| George Masten, labor         | 4.80     |
| Roy Wheeler, grader operator | 78.00    |
| Richard G. Crocker, foreman  | 66.45    |
|                              | -----    |
|                              | \$370.35 |

### SUMMER MAINTENANCE

|                   |            |
|-------------------|------------|
| Appropriation     | \$7,000.00 |
| Credit:           |            |
| Fisk Highway Fund | 56.00      |
|                   | -----      |
|                   | \$7,056.00 |

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|---|------------|
| R. C. Hazelton Company, Inc., grader repairs    | \$ 61.88   |
| The County Stores Inc., supplies                | 48.54      |
| Hume Pipe of New England, culvert pipe          | 147.00     |
| South Street Garage, repairs                    | 10.00      |
| Daniels Service, oil                            | 9.24       |
| Kinnie Electric Service, grader repairs         | 10.00      |
| Ernest Miles, cedar posts                       | 15.00      |
| Public Service Company, Town Barn lights        | 14.00      |
| Bob's Auto Service, gas, oil & repairs (grader) | 251.40     |
| McKay & Wright, gravel                          | 61.60      |
| Ralph Currier, gravel                           | 16.40      |
| E. E. Phinney, gravel                           | 16.20      |
| Town of Merrimack, grader                       | 118.00     |
| McKay & Wright, loader                          | 56.00      |
| McKay & Wright, shovel                          | 64.00      |
| Guy H. Nelson, digger                           | 187.50     |
| Frank Hartshion, truck                          | 7.00       |
| McKay & Wright, trucks                          | 36.90      |
| Guy H. Nelson, truck                            | 43.90      |
| H. V. Miles, truck                              | 103.70     |
| Oliver Merrill, truck                           | 86.20      |
| Agiline Grugnale, truck                         | 43.90      |
| Richard G. Crocker, truck                       | 1,290.30   |
| Guy H. Nelson, tractor                          | 16.00      |
| William A. Hart, tractor                        | 324.00     |
| Richard G. Crocker, tractor                     | 208.00     |
| John Hanlon, labor                              | 5.50       |
| Guy Bills, labor                                | 710.60     |
| Ernest Miles, labor                             | 629.80     |
| George Masten, labor                            | 618.00     |
| Roy Wheeler, grader operator                    | 1,113.60   |
| Richard G. Crocker, foreman                     | 652.60     |
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|   | \$6,979.16 |

### Oiling

|   |            |
|---|------------|
| Appropriation                                 | \$8,000.00 |
| Credit:                                       |            |
| Richard G. Crocker                            | 30.00      |
|   | —————      |
|   | \$8,030.00 |
| Granite State Asphalt, Prod. Co., Inc., patch | \$1,124.72 |
| Trimount Bituminous Products Co., oil         | 3,035.63   |
| Mrs. Bessie Balch, sand                       | 59.60      |
| Oliver Merrill, sand                          | 7.20       |
| R. C. Hazelton Co., Inc., sanders             | 550.00     |
| Treasurer, State of New Hampshire, supplies   | 20.25      |
| Oliver Merrill, tractor                       | 192.00     |
| H. V. Miles, truck                            | 171.50     |
| Oliver Merrill, truck                         | 168.00     |
| Richard G. Crocker, truck                     | 754.40     |
| John Hanlon, labor                            | 12.10      |
| Roy Wheeler, labor                            | 118.50     |
| Guy Bills, labor                              | 178.20     |
| Ernest Miles, labor                           | 378.40     |
| Richard G. Crocker, foreman                   | 406.90     |
|   | —————      |
|   | \$7,510.70 |

### PARKS

|                              |          |
|------------------------------|----------|
| Appropriation                | \$700.00 |
| Clarence Hager, repairs      | \$ 47.30 |
| Richard G. Crocker, truck    | 48.30    |
| George Masten, labor         | 24.00    |
| Ernest Miles, labor          | 7.70     |
| Albert Pixely, labor         | 31.90    |
| Douglas Gleason, labor       | 90.20    |
| Richard Grant, labor         | 18.70    |
| John Hanlon, labor           | 35.20    |
| David Hanlon, labor          | 29.70    |
| Walter Truesdell, labor      | 320.10   |
| Clarence Hager, rotary mower | 72.00    |
|                              | —————    |
|                              | \$725.10 |

### BABOOSIC LAKE ROAD

|                             |            |
|-----------------------------|------------|
| Appropriation               | \$1,000.00 |
| E. E. Phinney, gravel       | \$ 41.20   |
| McKay & Wright, shovel      | 240.00     |
| McKay & Wright, bulldozer   | 40.00      |
| A. J. McKay, bulldozer      | 100.00     |
| McKay & Wright, trucks      | 24.60      |
| Oliver Merrill, truck       | 31.50      |
| Agiline Grugnale, truck     | 91.00      |
| Richard G. Crocker, truck   | 78.20      |
| George Masten, labor        | 40.80      |
| Ernest Miles, labor         | 47.30      |
| Guy Bills, labor            | 13.20      |
| Roy Wheeler, labor          | 25.50      |
| Roy Wheeler, chain saw      | 5.00       |
| Richard G. Crocker, foreman | 47.25      |

### SNOW FENCE

|                             |          |
|-----------------------------|----------|
| Appropriation               | \$500.00 |
| Richard G. Crocker, truck   | \$188.60 |
| George Masten, labor        | 97.60    |
| Ernest Miles, labor         | 80.30    |
| Roy Wheeler, labor          | 52.50    |
| Guy Bills, labor            | 44.00    |
| Richard G. Crocker, foreman | 95.85    |

### WINTER MAINTENANCE

|                                    |            |
|------------------------------------|------------|
| Appropriation                      | \$6,000.00 |
| Credits:                           |            |
| Mrs. T. J. Lincoln                 | 35.00      |
| Carl Merrill                       | 25.00      |
| Harold L. Aldrich                  | 10.50      |
|                                    | <hr/>      |
|                                    | \$6,070.50 |
| Milford Motor Company, repairs     | 2.50       |
| South Street Garage, repairs       | 6.00       |
| Palmer Spring, repairs             | 27.75      |
| Russell Riddle, Jr., welding       | 322.50     |
| H. R. Locke & Son, wiring          | 8.88       |
| Milford Road Garage                | 11.75      |
| Milford Coal & Grain Company, salt | 228.00     |
| The County Store, Inc., supplies   | 2.25       |

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|--|----------|
| Fletchers Paint Works, paint           | 11.25    |
| Perley Chappell & Son, supplies        | 3.36     |
| Edgecomb Steel of New England          | 37.24    |
| N. H. Explosive & Machinery Co., pumps | 122.95   |
| R. C. Hazelton Company, Inc., parts    | 524.19   |
| Economy Supply Company, shovels        | 13.34    |
| Bob's Auto Service, gas, oil, repairs  | 81.33    |
| John Bowler, truck                     | 16.00    |
| William A. Hart, truck                 | 68.40    |
| Newton Stockwell, truck                | 351.35   |
| Oliver Merrill, truck—Reo              | 450.80   |
| Oliver Merrill, truck—Chev.            | 684.40   |
| H. V. Miles, truck                     | 1,151.00 |
| Richard G. Crocker, truck              | 1,333.50 |
| Guy H. Nelson, tractor                 | 22.00    |
| Oliver Merrill, tractor                | 28.00    |
| William A. Hart, tractor               | 45.50    |
| Robert Bragdon, tractor                | 10.50    |
| Charles Long, tractor                  | 52.50    |
| Richard G. Crocker, tractor            | 311.50   |
| McKay & Wright, loader                 | 308.00   |
| McKay & Wright, bulldozer              | 74.00    |
| Town of Bedford, grader snow plow      | 138.00   |
| Richard G. Crocker, foreman            | 114.50   |
| Henry Stockwell, labor                 | 26.25    |
| Richard Sherman, labor                 | 18.90    |
| Daniel Hauser, labor                   | 4.20     |
| Thomas Crocker, labor                  | 13.85    |
| Charles Atkinson, labor                | 8.40     |
| Harold Aldrich, labor                  | 53.75    |
| Robert Hancock, labor                  | 5.25     |
| Ronald Marsh, labor                    | 1.05     |
| Charles Hall, labor                    | 9.45     |
| Oliver Merrill, labor                  | 8.40     |
| Gerald Wilkins, labor                  | 4.30     |
| Roland Goodwin, labor                  | 18.90    |
| David Hanlon, labor                    | 28.55    |
| A. L. Underwood, labor                 | 4.40     |
| Kenneth Grasset, labor                 | 15.40    |
| Len Stockwell, labor                   | 26.25    |
| Robert Weston, labor                   | 26.25    |
| Charles Duval, labor                   | 17.85    |
| John Hanlon, labor                     | 14.00    |

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|---|------------|
| George Masten, labor                          | 229.80     |
| Fred Vatcher, labor                           | 51.15      |
| Newton S. Stockwell, labor                    | 33.85      |
| Guy Bills, labor                              | 9.45       |
| Ronald Brown, labor                           | 5.25       |
| Barry Hammond, labor                          | 10.50      |
| John Bowler, labor                            | 113.20     |
| Ernest Miles, labor                           | 359.65     |
| Bradford Locke, labor                         | 105.00     |
| Roy Wheeler, grader operator                  | 84.00      |
| Public Service Co. of N. H., Town Barn lights | 5.25       |
|   | -----      |
|   | \$7,875.74 |

### WINTER MAINTENANCE

January 1, 1956 - March 13, 1956

Harold L. Aldrich, Road Agent

|   |            |
|---|------------|
| R. C. Hazelton Co. Inc., parts                | \$ 156.25  |
| Public Service Co. of N. H., Town Barn lights | 3.50       |
| Bob's Auto Service, grader gas                | 18.77      |
| E. E. Nadeau & Sons, Inc.                     | 30.20      |
| Smith Highway Equipment Co., supplies         | 5.19       |
| Daniels Garage, blasting culvert              | 18.00      |
| Wirthmore Grain Co., Londonderry, salt        | 124.00     |
| Wirthmore Grain Co., Nashua, salt             | 473.10     |
| Russell Riddle, welding                       | 30.00      |
| Milford Grain & Coal Co., salt                | 130.00     |
| Town of Amherst, N. H.                        | 10.50      |
| Richard Crocker, tractor                      | 199.50     |
| Hibbert Miles, truck                          | 524.40     |
| Richard Crocker, truck                        | 785.50     |
| Oliver Merrill, truck                         | 475.00     |
| Harold Aldrich, truck                         | 840.60     |
| Ernest Miles, labor                           | 392.70     |
| John Bowler, labor                            | 111.30     |
| Bradford Locke, labor                         | 224.70     |
| Fred Armstrong, labor                         | 10.50      |
| Frederick M. Vatcher, labor                   | 9.45       |
| George Masten, labor                          | 14.70      |
| John Hanlon, labor                            | 70.35      |
| Harold Aldrich, foreman                       | 336.25     |
|   | -----      |
|   | \$4,994.46 |

## REPORT OF THE POLICE CHIEF

|  |               |
|--|---------------|
| Arrests  | 11            |
| Brawl and tumult   | 1             |
| Stop sign violations   | 2             |
| Unreasonable speed   | 4             |
| Yellow line violation  | 1             |
| Careless and negligent operation   | 3             |
| Placed on file   | 1             |
| Driving without license  | 2             |
| Held for safe keeping  | 1             |
| D. E. issued   | 12            |
| Warnings to operators of motor vehicles  | 25            |
| Warnings for speeding  | 4             |
| Highway and traffic duty   | 125 hrs.      |
| Stolen property  | 3             |
| Speeding complaints  | 5             |
| Breaking and entering  | 3             |
| Drownings at Baboosic Lake   | 2             |
| Dances at Baboosic Lake  | 29            |
| Lost hunters   | 2             |
| Lost child   | 1             |
| Warnings to boys   | 4             |
| Boys returned home by police   | 2             |
| Damage by boys   | 4             |
| Checked camps at Baboosic Lake with State Police   | 2             |
| Family trouble   | 2             |
| Memorial Day Parade  | 1 man— 3 hrs. |
| Fourth of July Patrol Duty   | 16 hrs.       |
| Disturbance calls  | 2             |
| Complaints of various nature   | 48            |
| Dog complaints such as chasing deer, cattle, stray<br>dogs, dogs disposed of by police or Humane So-<br>ciety, returned dogs to owners, found homes for<br>stray dogs, dog bites, etc. | 32            |
| Trespassing by hunters and fishermen   | 3             |
| Aid to other departments   | 12            |
| Plates found and returned  | 1             |
| Dogs killed by motor vehicles  | 3             |
| Lost animals (horse)   | 1             |
| Shooting by boys   | 1             |
| Dogs creating nuisance   | 2             |
| Emergency messages delivered   | 3             |

|   |         |
|---|---------|
| Town Hall use requiring police                        | 6       |
| Civilian Defense meetings attended                    | 1       |
| Air Raid Test   | 1       |
| Street and signal lights reported out of order        | 4       |
| Bicycle safety reflector tape applied                 | 2 hrs.  |
| Hallowe'en duty, Village 5 men—2 nights               | 45 hrs. |
| Inquiries Civil Service, Marine Corps., miscellaneous | 9       |

This department wishes to extend to State Police Lieut. John Conti, Corporal McBain and Trooper Cote, also Motor Vehicle Inspector Landry and the Milford Police Department for their cooperation during 1956. We had increased traffic through Amherst on our three principle routes and from indications, 1957 promises to be heavier. It is therefore the duty of everyone operating a motor vehicles to use their best driving habits to help keep our accident and death rate at a minimum. I would like to advise parents of school children to have them stay off highways while waiting for the School buses, several cases being noticed where children were in grave danger due to road conditions.

On August 25th two two-way radios were installed and put into service in cars operated by the Police Chief and Officer Frank Hall, giving our department three sets which have been a boon on several occasions.

Our slogan for 1957 "BACK THE ATTACK AGAINST TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS"

ALBERT H. JUNKINS,  
Police Chief

## FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

In 1956 the Amherst Fire Department was called 63 times.

|    |                  |
|----|------------------|
| 12 | Building fires   |
| 5  | Chimney fires    |
| 5  | Car fires        |
| 11 | Grass fires      |
| 9  | Brush fires      |
| 14 | Dump fires       |
| 1  | Drowning         |
| 2  | Air raid tests   |
| 3  | False alarms     |
| 1  | Out of town call |

### PLEASE HELP US TO HELP YOU

Obtain a permit before burning out of doors. Any kind of an outside fire is subject to a \$200 fine if started without a permit.

Do not overload your electric lines in your home. Be sure that you have the correct size fuses.

If you have a fire call 80.

We wish to thank the Fire Departments of Milford and Merrimack for their assistance in the past year.

### REPORT OF DISTRICT FIRE CHIEF

To the Selectmen:

Each year there is a demand for a statement on forest fires for publication in the annual town report. It is believed they serve a good purpose locally in preventing fires. The following is offered with the respectful request for publication in your town report.

Sincerely,

W. HANNAFORD,  
District Fire Chief

## Your Town Dump

### Use it freely

### Care for it

Your town dump has been set up for your personal convenience. It provides a suitable place where you can dispose of the large amounts of dangerous, inflammable waste material and other useless items which accumulate around your household and local stores, brush, etc., cut on your property. The dump has become a valuable and indispensable asset in modern community life.

The most successful town dumps are supervised—regular days provided for their use and inflammable material consistently burned. The town dump which receives no attention, where waste material is scattered about without supervision of any description, soon becomes a community menace and a liability rather than an asset.

Many people still burn debris around their homes. A large number of such fires get out of control causing unnecessary damage and expense to the burner. Why burn at home? Make use of your town dump and eliminate the hazard of burning. It will be easier for you—personally and financially.

If, however, you do burn on your premises

1. Secure a permit from your local fire warden—the law requires it. The warden won't refuse you if conditions are safe.
2. Be sure to properly supervise your burning. Don't leave it.
3. Make certain your fire is DEAD OUT before leaving it.

Save yourself much possible difficulty

### Use your dump freely

### Help Keep it safe

|                       |    |
|-----------------------|----|
| Number of local fires | 34 |
|-----------------------|----|

|                        |    |
|------------------------|----|
| Number of acres burned | 12 |
|------------------------|----|

|                          |     |
|--------------------------|-----|
| Number of permits issued | 121 |
|--------------------------|-----|

WINTHROP HANNAFORD,  
District Fire Chief

EDWIN F. LOCKE  
Forest Fire Warden

## SEXTON'S REPORT

The unused lots at Meadow View Cemetery are very few. There are probably enough to last about ten years. I Think it wise for the Moderator to appoint a committee of seven to look into the possibility of acquiring more land for future needs, the committee to include the Trustees, Sexton and three non-officers.

Besides the usual care of the Cemeteries your Sexton has rebuilt ten lots over this past year that were neglected, run-out lots, from the town appropriation and six of the Perpetual Care lots were made over from the Trust Funds. Also a new gate was installed at the Chestnut Hill Cemetery.

The Trustees of the Cemeteries have purchased new Greens and Lowering Devise this year of which we needed very badly as the old Greens were worn out and the Lowering Device very rusty and shabby, being about 30 years old.

With the co-operation of the Trust Funds we are putting Nitrates on the Perpetual Care lots this Spring to try to kill out the moss and sorrell, to make better grass. The land needs frequent fertilization as the heavier sod will hold the moisture better.

There were 18 burials, 9 from town and 9 from out of town.

CLARENCE H. HAGAR  
Sexton

## AUDITORS' REPORT

We have examined the accounts of the following Town Officers: Selectmen, Town Clerk, Town Treasurer, Tax Collector, Road Agent, Trustees of Trust Funds, Treasurer of Library, Clerk of Police Court, and find them correct to the best of our knowledge and belief.

ORSON H. BRAGDON,  
GEORGE H. HOWARD,  
Town Auditors.

February 1, 1957

## TREE COMMITTEE REPORT

Although we are by no means happy with our tree situation, we believe Amherst fared fully as well as our neighboring towns during the past year.

The Dutch Elm Disease is now rampart in Southern New Hampshire. Our early Dormant Spray plus later Cover Spray has been the important factor in limiting our year's loss to only 4 large and 11 smaller Elms. These are scheduled to come down before Spring. This continued felling and removal cost is a major part of the yearly expense.

The late Spring spraying covers approximately 150 Elms on Town Land and along the Village Streets, plus about 60 along the highway at Ponemah.

Replanting is most important. Again in '56 ten young Maples were set out, and we propose to increase this number in '57. The committee will be glad to assist property owners in any proposed private planting.

The Town Tree work is only a portion of the task. The continued interest and private work by property owners is the link in maintaining the best possible defense against the inroads of Dutch Elm Disease, age, and effects of dry Summers on all the trees in our Community.

It is with sincere regret that Tenney Clough has felt it necessary to give up his Tree Committee work due to a change in business. With the approval of the Selectmen, G. Winthrop Brown is filling Tenney's vacancy; and so our most important Main Street area will continue to receive close attention.

The Committee urges all Townspeople to preserve existing healthy trees and set out new, which are and will become such an important part in the overall beauty and wealth of Amherst.

Respectfully submitted,

G. WINTHROP BROWN  
CREELEY S. BUCHANAN  
ROBERT W. SEAMANS, Chairman

# WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE

FEBRUARY 18, 1957

The Ways and Means Committee has considered carefully each item in the Town and School Budgets and each article of the Warrants. It has consulted and heard individuals, committees and department representatives.

Careful preparation of budgets and articles of the warrant, by those responsible, made the work of this committee easy and the saving of committee time is appreciated.

In its considering of submitted budgets this committee has tried to keep in mind the growing needs of the Town as well as the effect of proposed expenditures upon the tax rate.

## TOWN WARRANT

### ARTICLE 1.

No comment is necessary.

### ARTICLE 2.

We recommend approval of each item in the Town Budget except as noted. Comment is offered on some of the items.

**Police Department:** The requested increase of \$250.00 is to provide for necessary revision of wage scale.

**Fire Department:** Work on construction and improvement of waterholes, for which increased appropriation was voted last year, was not carried out completely as planned and there was an under-expenditure on the appropriation. This year's request amount will provide for completing this work.

**Moth Extermination, Blister Rust, and Care of Trees:** The requested amount is for a continuation of the program recommended last year. This committee recommends that a program of replanting be recognized as a part of the whole job of care of trees in the Town.

**Civil Defense:** With its approval of this item this committee recommends that no money be spent on this account until all requirements set up by the State Civil Defense Organization, have been complied with by the local organization.

**Town Dumps:** Your Town Officers feel that actual costs for maintenance of the town dumps have not always been allocated properly in the past. During the last year they have kept accurate records and show an expenditure of \$370.35. We believe the request for \$400.00, for this item, is reasonable.

**Summer Maintenance:** The increase of \$500.00 on this item is a reflection of increased operating costs.

**Libraries:** The increase of \$200.00 requested is for increased fuel costs. An examination of total Library cost, and comparison with those of other communities made by this committee indicate that we are getting considerably better than average service at reasonable cost.

**Town Poor:** In the light of experience over the last five years, this committee recommends that the appropriation be reduced to \$300.00.

**Snow Fences:** We recommend that this item be considered, henceforth, as a part of the Winter Maintenance item.

**Cemeteries:** The \$100.00 increase requested on this item reflects increased operating costs.

**Damages and Legal Expense, including dog damage:** Request for \$150.00 increase is based upon the experience of the past year.

**Hydrant Rental:** This committee reiterates its recommendation of last year that this item be entered under Protection of Persons and Property in future budgets.

#### ARTICLES 3 & 4.

We recommend approval.

#### ARTICLE 5.

We recommend that no money be raised or appropriated for this purpose.

#### ARTICLE 6.

We recommend approval. This is a continuation of the long range plan for improvement of black-topped roads as recommended by the committee last year. Expenditures this year are to be for rebuilding of culverts on such roads.

#### ARTICLE 7.

No comment.

#### ARTICLE 8.

No comment.

## **ARTICLE 9.**

We recommend approval. This committee comments that the Town may be faced with necessity of purchasing a new grader in two or three years. This committee recommends further that life of present grader be conserved as much as possible by the renting of heavier equipment for work beyond the capacity of the present grader.

## **ARTICLE 10.**

No comment.

## **ARTICLE 11.**

We recommend approval.

## **ARTICLE 12.**

In view of the money already expended for the long range program of major repairs to the Town Hall, it is recommended that the amount to be raised and appropriated be reduced to \$1000.00 to be used for a continuance of this program. This amount is to be expended for panic hardware on outside doors, in reconditioning the dining room floor and for such other work as the Special Town Hall Committee may recommend. It is recommended further that a budget be submitted by the Town Hall Committee, each year prior to the posting of the Warrant so that the Selectmen and your Ways and Means Committee may act upon definite recommendations.

## **ARTICLE 13.**

No comment.

## **ARTICLE 14.**

No comment.

## **ARTICLE 15.**

We recommend approval. This committee recommends further that, henceforth, items like nozzles and helmets be included in regular Fire Department budgets on whatever schedule is necessary to keep equipment in good order.

# **SCHOOL WARRANT**

## **ARTICLES 1 through 7.**

No comment is necessary.

## **ARTICLE 8.**

We recommend approval of the School Budget except as noted, and offer comment on some items:

**Item 6:** In order to maintain an adequate staff the School Board must make a yearly appraisal of its salary set-up. This year they have recommended that the base

scale of salaries be raised and this increase, along with increases made according to the established plan used by the School Board, is reflected in this item. Included also is salary for music instruction which, following a recommendation of the Ways and Means Committee of last year, has been entered under item of Salaries.

**Item 11:** Increase of \$300.00 is for necessary increased janitor service.

**Item 13:** Due to typographical error the amount for this item is incorrect. This committee recommends that \$1,350.00 be raised and appropriated for this item. The increase of \$100.00 over last year is for increased cost of lighting.

**Item 16:** This committee recommends that \$13,000.00 be raised and appropriated for this item with the feeling that the requested increase of \$3,500.00 does not represent a realistic picture of increased costs over last year but with the recognition that there is justification for upward adjustment on this item over last year.

**Item 17:** Milford has set the tuition charge for forthcoming year at \$317.85, an increase of \$67.85 per pupil over the \$250.00 per pupil charged up to this time. It is anticipated that there will be 83 pupils going to Milford. Total increase will be \$8,381.55 over last year due to increased number of pupils and increased charges.

**Item 19:** The increase of \$338.35 represents increased Town contribution under Social Security requirements, on higher payrolls and broader coverage.

**Item 20:** Increase is due to this being the year in which certain three year premiums become due. Reference to School Board Narrative Report will also show that there is proposed increase in coverage on certain types of liability.

**Item 22:** This is a continuation of the previously recommended plan for building improvement. Expenditures, this year, are to be for painting.

WILLIAM C. VOSE, Chairman  
LAWRENCE C. HALL  
JOHN H. MORISON  
ERNEST L. WARREN  
LINWOOD G. HUNTINGTON  
RAE V. COMERFORD  
ROLAND K. FRASER

## REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

For the Year Ending December 31, 1956

|   |            |
|---|------------|
| Accrued Interest on hand Jan. 1, 1956         |            |
| Souhegan National Bank                        | \$ 399.09  |
| Manchester Savings Bank                       | 1,157.75   |
| Fidelity Fund                                 | 2,000.22   |
| Dividends and Interest received in 1956       | 2,673.32   |
|   | <hr/>      |
|   | \$6,230.38 |
| Expenditures in 1956                          | \$2,000.28 |
| Accrued Interest on hand Dec. 31, 1956        |            |
| Souhegan National Bank                        | 881.38     |
| Manchester Savings Bank                       | 1,348.50   |
| Fidelity Fund                                 | 2,000.22   |
|   | <hr/>      |
|   | \$6,230.38 |
| GRADER FUND                                   |            |
| On hand Jan. 1, 1956; Manchester Savings Bk.  | \$1,564.43 |
| Deposits in 1956                              | 42.00      |
| Interest Earned in 1956                       | 51.24      |
|   | <hr/>      |
| On hand Dec. 31, 1956; Manchester Savings Bk. | \$1,657.67 |

MERIC G. ARNOLD  
BENJAMIN G. BUNDY  
HOWARD G. ARNOLD  
Trustees of Trust Funds

Report of the Common Trust Fund Investments of the Town of Amherst on December 31, 1956

## Report of the Trust Funds of the Town of Amherst on December 31, 1956

| Date of Creation     | Name of Trust Fund                      | Purpose of Trust Fund                          | How Invested                             | PRINCIPAL              |                   | INCOME                 |                    |                      | Balance End Year |
|----------------------|---|--|--|------------------------|-------------------|------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|------------------|
|                      |   |  |  | Balance Beginning Year | New Funds Created | Balance Beginning Year | Income During Year | Expended During Year |                  |
| 1952                 | Common Trust Fund A                     | Cemetery<br>Library School<br>Highway Cemetery | Refer to accompanying report for details | \$61,385.00            |                   | \$3,445.75             | \$ 2,529.64        | \$ 1,960.78          | \$ 4,085.15      |
| 1953                 | New Funds Transferred to Common Trust A | Cemetery Fund Transferred from Common Trust A  |  | 1,900.00               |                   | 70.54                  | *                  | *                    |                  |
| 1930                 |   | Cemetery                                       | Manchester Sav. Bank                     |                        | 1,900.00          |                        | **                 |                      |                  |
| 1954                 | New Funds (B)                           | Cemetery                                       | Manchester Sav. Bank                     | 1,250.00               |                   |                        |                    |                      |                  |
| 1955                 | New Funds (B)                           | Cemetery                                       | Manchester Sav. Bank                     | 950.00                 |                   |                        |                    |                      |                  |
| 1956                 | New Funds (B)                           | Cemetery                                       | Manchester Sav. Bank                     |                        | 1,255.00          | 3,455.00               | 40.77              | 143.68               | 39.50            |
|                      |   |  |  | \$63,485.00            | \$ 1,255.00       | \$66,740.00            | \$ 3,557.06        | \$ 2,673.32          | \$ 2,000.28      |
|                      |   |  |  |                        |                   |                        |                    |                      | 144.95           |
| DETAILS OF NEW FUNDS |   |  |  |                        |                   |                        |                    |                      |                  |
|                      | Hugh A. Fletcher                        | \$150.00                                       |  |                        |                   |                        |                    |                      |                  |
|                      | W. L. Robinson                          | 150.00   |  |                        |                   |                        |                    |                      |                  |
|                      | Mrs. Dolly Jackson                      | 200.00   |  |                        |                   |                        |                    |                      |                  |
|                      | Mrs. Marion Sealies                     | 150.00   |  |                        |                   |                        |                    |                      |                  |
|                      | S. L. Staples                           | 155.00   |  |                        |                   |                        |                    |                      |                  |
|                      | Howard R. Locke                         | 300.00   |  |                        |                   |                        |                    |                      |                  |
|                      | Charles S. Pherson                      |  |  |                        |                   |                        |                    |                      |                  |

\* Income and expenditures included above.

\*\* Income included below.

## REPORT OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICIAL OF ZONING ORDINANCE

Jauary 23, 1957

During the year 1956 there were fourteen applications for buildings and signs within the districts covered by the Zoning Ordinance on which permits were issued as follows:

|                      |   |
|----------------------|---|
| Dwelling houses      | 5 |
| Signs                | 2 |
| Motel                | 1 |
| Business buildings   | 2 |
| Hen house            | 1 |
| Kennel               | 1 |
| Private garage       | 1 |
| Addition to dwelling | 1 |

The permits for the private garage and one of the signs were issued by authority of the Board of Zoning Adjustment on appeal by the applicants.

BENJAMIN B. PIPER,  
Administrative Official.

## REPORT OF THE ROAD COMMISSION

Every year seems to bring some special problem to the Road Agent and 1956 was no exception. The heavy snow of last spring, which came after the ground thawed, yet still had to be plowed, caused extensive damage to the roads as the plows ripped up a great many of the soft shoulders. This increased the job of patching to a major undertaking. However, the patching was thoroughly done and many of the high shoulders lowered so that the same thing would not occur again.

The annual oiling program covered nearly one-third of the existing black roads, so that Amherst should soon be back on the three year program. The unexpended balance in the oiling appropriation results not because of a lack of eligible roads, but because of our inability to borrow sand spreaders at the proper time. Two new spreaders have now been purchased, so that Amherst will not have to borrow from the towns or the State.

Brush removal continues to be an extremely expensive operation, but the Road Commission is considering the possibility of outside professional help or the use of a chipper. This year the brush removal was concentrated on the town highways north of N. H. Route 101 while next year it will be concentrated on those south of 101.

Under the new appropriation for Highway Rebuilding, the curve and knoll in front of the James Young Residence on the Baboosic Lake road was removed. This proved to be a harder job than anticipated, but will eliminate the worst hazzard on that road. This excavation was not oiled last year to give it a chance to settle and also to utilize the heavy roller which will be used nearby this coming summer. If the Rebuilding Appropriation is continued this year, your officials would like to use it to replace about fourteen old culverts which lie in different sections of the town and no longer function. We feel this to be a basic need and should be taken care of before any further rebuilding is done.

The T. R. A. funds were used as follows:

Oiled the Junkins Road (1 mile).

Graveled the Christian Hill Road from Stimson's to Worrard's (.5 mile).

Graveled the West part of Austin Road (.3 mile).

Three-fourths of the Preparatory work on Warren's end of Walnut Hill Road (.4 mile).

Preparatory work on the Pierre Martin Road (.2 mile).

Nearly \$1,000.00 of the T. R. A. and \$200.00 of town funds were spent on this road last year. This is greatly in excess of what would normally be justified, but your officials felt that over a period of years we would save the town money by eliminating the snow removal problems on this relatively unimportant section of road.

Repairs to our grader cost \$510.00 this year and anticipated repairs for next year, will be about \$1,000.00, therefore, an article will ask for this sum, as it is too large to take from the Highway program. We suggest that the town appoint a committee to investigate and report on advisability of purchasing a different grader.

The following is the schedule of rates used in the Highway Dept.

勞工——每小時\$1.10

卡車司機——每小時\$1.20

工程師——每小時\$1.35

推土機司機——每小時\$1.50

卡車——每輛\$3.50起，視乎載重而定

雪地清潔——每小時\$4.00

在關閉報告時，我們希望感謝道路司機的協助與興趣。

此致，  
Respectfully submitted,

M. G. ARNOLD

A. L. UNDERWOOD

H. H. WILKINS, Jr.

## AMHERST TOWN LIBRARY

### Librarian's Report

This year has been one of progress for the Library. With the completion of the new heating system, it has been possible to open up two additional rooms on the first floor to the public. By rearranging bookcases, tables, chairs and benches, the room to the left of the entrance hall is now the adult reading room, with magazines and current fiction. Adjoining this is the Historical Room, which contains historical objects pertaining to the town and its colonial heritage as well as files of old newspapers dating back to the year 1796. All are available for research on request.

The room to the right of the entrance hall is now officially called the Children's Room. Many excellent displays of children's books for their reading pleasure are to be found there.

The children's story hour was continued again this summer and we owe Mrs. Willene Knight and Mrs. Eva Gagnon a debt of gratitude for their cooperation and interest in this work.

We are also deeply indebted to Mrs. Virginia Chambers who each year makes and donates to the Library very attractive and interesting Christmas decorations. They are much admired and appreciated.

We wish to express our appreciation to the following people for their gifts of books and magazines:

Mrs. Jean Chase, Mr. Charles Dearing, Mrs. Alice Peaslee, Mrs. Heckman, Mrs. Catherine Kruger, Mrs. Elizabeth Huntington, Mrs. Anne Moody, Miss Honora Spalding, Mrs. Norwin Bean, and to the pupils of the sixth grade for a book given in memory of their classmate, James Duhaime.

The Bookmobile from the New Hampshire State Library in Concord continues to loan books to us throughout the year. This helps a great deal to supplement our own supply of books.

During the year 379 books were accessioned to the Library, of which 132 were classified as adult fiction, 43 as adult non-fiction, 127 as juvenile fiction and 77 as juvenile non-fiction. Twenty magazines and one local newspaper are available to borrowers.

The circulation during the year 1956 has been as follows:

|                   |      |                      |      |
|-------------------|------|----------------------|------|
| Adult fiction     | 3538 | Juvenile fiction     | 4663 |
| Adult non-fiction | 1018 | Juvenile non-fiction | 1309 |
| Adult magazines   | 883  |                      |      |
|                   | —    |                      | —    |
| Total             | 5439 | Total                | 5972 |

Grand total circulation: 11,411

A change in Library hours should be noted. As of January 1, 1957. On Friday evening, the hours are from 7:00 P. M. to 9:00 P. M. instead of from 6:30 P. M. to 8:30 P. M. as formerly.

On Tuesday and Friday afternoons, the schedule remains the same, with the Library open from 2:00 P. M. to 5:00 P. M.

At this time I wish to thank the Trustees for their thoughtfulness and cooperation during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,  
MARION U. NELSON

January 9, 1957

**AMHERST TOWN LIBRARY**

January 7, 1957

The Selectmen

Amherst, N. H.

Dear Sirs:

The Trustees of the Town Library request an appropriation for 1957 of \$2,000.00, an increase of \$200.00 over those of the last two years. The newly installed oil-fired, forced hot air heating system and the fact that two additional rooms and two halls are now being heated will entail increased fuel cost which are estimated to be at least one hundred seventy-five dollars (\$175.00) additional. The opening of the two rooms will increase the lighting costs; furthermore prices of books, magazines, and supplies have increased. Our expenditures during 1956 exceeded income by \$97.80.

The list of Library Trustees is:

|                        |         |
|------------------------|---------|
| Margaret Seamans       | 1 Year  |
| Henry F. Merrill       | 1 Year  |
| Margaret Moser         | 2 Years |
| Cleaveland J. Campbell | 2 Years |
| Elizabeth Hall         | 3 Years |
| Rev. Frank M. Weiskel  | 3 Years |

The Treasurer's report is attached hereto and with it there is a statement of the Mary B. Upham Fund. From this you will note that the heating system and bulkhead have been installed. There is a balance of \$3,175.88, which

it is proposed to use for: laying on a water supply, installing a toilet and septic tank, and for arranging for better access between the various rooms, erecting a partition in the rear hall, etc.

Yours very truly,  
HENRY F. MERRILL,  
Secretary-Treasurer

**Treasurer's Report**

**RECEIPTS**

|   |            |
|---|------------|
| January 1, 1956, cash on hand                 | \$ 378.37  |
| Appropriation                                 | 1,800.00   |
| Trust Funds—1955 additional income            | 112.64     |
| Trust Funds—1956 income                       | 215.00     |
| Misc., gifts, fines and sales of books, mags. | 165.27     |
|   | <hr/>      |
|   | \$2,671.28 |

**DISBURSEMENTS**

|                                 |            |
|---------------------------------|------------|
| Books                           | \$ 898.78  |
| Magazines                       | 91.07      |
| Salaries                        | 810.26     |
| Lights                          | 56.63      |
| Building and grounds            | 121.40     |
| Fuel                            | 198.34     |
| Supplies                        | 54.76      |
| Upkeep                          | 159.47     |
| December 31, 1956, cash on hand | 280.57     |
|                                 | <hr/>      |
|                                 | \$2,671.28 |

**Mary B. Upham Fund**  
**RECEIPTS**

|                               |            |
|-------------------------------|------------|
| January 1, 1956, cash on hand | \$5,341.34 |
| Bank interest                 | 122.53     |
|                               | <hr/>      |
|                               | \$5,463.87 |

**DISBURSEMENTS**

|   |            |
|---|------------|
| Carl K. Stimson, heating system                       | \$1,850.00 |
| Melio Riccitelli, steel bulkhead and stone work       | 330.00     |
| Kokko, Builders, cut and patch holes in floor         | 47.85      |
| Kokko, Builders, wooden door and steps<br>in basement | 60.14      |
| December 31, 1956, cash on hand                       | 3,175.88   |
|   | <hr/>      |
|   | \$5,463.87 |

**HENRY F. MERRILL,**  
Treasurer.

## REPORT OF MUNICIPAL COURT

The Amherst Municipal Court experienced a modest increase in its case load, primarily in the number of motor vehicle violations coming within its jurisdiction, during the year 1956. In an effort to reduce the number and seriousness of these offenses and to reverse the tendency of ever increasing numbers of violations, the Court has adopted a more stringent scale of penalties for routine offenders of the motor vehicle laws.

During the past year the Supreme Court reviewed one significant appeal from the rulings of law of the Amherst Municipal Court. The result of this case received widespread interest since it established for the first time the law relative to evidence obtained by wire tapping in New Hampshire. The case has been returned to the jurisdiction of the Amherst Court for trial on the facts. The unfortunate hospitalization of one after another of the principals involved in the case has caused a postponement of the final decision. This case is the only one carrying over from the preceding year.

George Howard was appointed Clerk of the Court and served faithfully during the year. It is hoped that he will continue to bear the burden of this office, which involves a considerable amount of arduous paper work.

CHARLES J. LINCOLN,

Justice

WILLIAM C. VOSE,

Special Justice

### Municipal Court 1956

|                                |            |
|--------------------------------|------------|
| Total Number of Cases          | 70         |
| Motor Vehicle violations       | 53         |
| Fish and Game violations       | 3          |
| Employment Security violations | 5          |
| Other cases                    | 9          |
|                                | Dr.        |
| Cash on hand due town          | \$ .50     |
| Total Fines received           | 1,075.00   |
|                                | \$1,075.50 |
|                                | Cr.        |
| Town Treasurer                 | \$ 400.50  |
| Motor Vehicle Department       | 531.00     |
| Fish and Game Department       | 54.00      |
| Employment Security Department | 90.00      |
|                                | \$1,075.50 |

AMHERST VILLAGE DISTRICT  
WARRANT

The State of New Hampshire

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Amherst in the  
County of Hillsboro in said State, qualified  
to vote in District Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at Town Hall in said  
Amherst on Friday, the 15th day of March, next at eight  
of the clock in the afternoon to act upon the following sub-  
jects:

1. To choose all necessary District Officers for the  
year ensuing.
2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary  
to defray town charges for the ensuing year and make ap-  
propriations of the same.

Given under our hands and seal, this seventh day of  
February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and  
fifty seven.

F. TENNEY CLOUGH,  
CARL E. PETERSON,  
OTTO NEUGEBAUER,

Commissioners of Amherst Village District.

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

F. TENNEY CLOUGH,  
CARL E. PETERSON,  
OTTO NEUGEBAUER,

Commissioners of Amherst Village District.

# AMHERST VILLAGE DISTRICT BUDGET

Estimates of Receipts and Expenditures for the Ensuing Year  
January 1, 1957 to December 31, 1957

Compared to

Estimated and Actual Receipts and Expenditures of the Previous  
Year January 1, 1956 to December 31, 1956

## RECEIPTS

|                                   | Estimated<br>1956 | Received<br>1956 | Estimated<br>1957 |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Cash on hand January 1, 1956      | \$ 785.60         | \$ 785.60        | \$ 314.10         |
| Reserve                           | 1,000.00          | 1,000.00         | 1,500.00          |
| Total cash on hand                | \$ 1,785.60       | \$ 1,785.60      | \$ 1,814.10       |
| Income water service prior year   | \$ 2,272.28       | \$ 2,272.28      | \$ 2,315.05       |
| Income water service current year | 2,850.00          | 3,084.91         | 2,900.00          |
| Total income water service        | \$ 5,122.28       | \$ 5,357.19      | \$ 5,215.05       |
| Hydrant rental                    | \$ 1,365.00       | \$ 1,365.00      | \$ 1,365.00       |
| Precinct tax                      | 5,242.76          | 5,242.76         | *5,069.95         |
| Total Receipts                    | \$13,515.64       | \$13,750.55      | \$13,464.10       |

## EXPENDITURES

|                                    |             |             |             |
|------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Bonds called and cancelled         | \$ 6,000.00 | \$ 6,000.00 | \$ 6,000.00 |
| Bond interest                      | 3,015.00    | 3,015.00    | 2,880.00    |
| Superintendent's Salary            | 500.00      | 499.99      | 500.00      |
| Asst. Supt. Salary                 | 000.00      | 37.45       | 50.00       |
| Tax Collector's Salary             | 50.00       | 50.00       | 50.00       |
| Accounting                         | 100.00      | 100.00      | 100.00      |
| Meters                             | 250.00      | 370.52      | 60.00       |
| Electricity                        | 1,000.00    | 1,086.69    | 1,100.00    |
| Operating supplies and maintenance | 300.00      | 391.47      | 300.00      |
| Service connections                | 250.00      | 158.04      | 250.00      |
| Water tests (express charges)      | 15.00       | 0.00        | 10.00       |
| Office supplies and printing       | 50.00       | 47.79       | 150.00      |
| Insurance                          | 125.00      | 119.25      | 125.00      |
| Fire alarm maintenance             | 75.00       | 36.37       | 75.00       |
| Reserve                            | 1,000.00    | 1,000.00    | 1,500.00    |
| Cash on hand December 31, 1956     | 785.60      | 785.60      | 314.10      |
| Total Expenditures                 | \$13,515.60 | \$13,698.17 | \$13,464.10 |

\*To be raised by taxes in 1957

RANDOLPH KRUGER  
Treasurer

**AMHERST VILLAGE DISTRICT BALANCE SHEET**  
**December 31, 1956**

| ASSETS  |              |              |
|---|--------------|--------------|
| Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1956                          |              | \$ 1,814.10  |
| Accounts Receivable, including<br>December 31 bills |              | 2,315.05     |
| <hr/>   |              |              |
| Total current Assets                                |              | \$ 4,129.15  |
| Water System  |              |              |
| Land and buildings                                  | 679.60       |              |
| Wells, pump, mains etc.                             | 150,252.71   |              |
|   | <hr/>        |              |
|   | \$150,932.31 |              |
| Fire Alarm System                                   | 6,700.00     |              |
| <hr/>   |              |              |
| Total Fixed Assets                                  |              | \$157,632.31 |
| <hr/>   |              |              |
| Total Assets  |              | \$161,761.46 |

LIABILITIES

|                                   |              |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|
| Bonds Payable                     | \$131,000.00 |
| Excess of Assets over Liabilities | 30,761.46    |
|                                   | <hr/>        |
|                                   | \$161,761.46 |

RANDOLPH KRUGER,  
Treasurer

## AMHERST VILLAGE DISTRICT

As in the preceding four years, 1956 showed an increase in the number of water services which now stands at 147. There is no doubt, however, that further growth will be slight since practically every house within the district limits is now connected. We suggest that careful consideration be given to extending the advantages of our municipal water system to adjoining sections where practical.

Despite the increasing costs of labor and materials, and greater operating costs resultant from more consumers, the board has been able to again reduce the amount to be raised by precinct tax.

During the past year, Edward Marchildon has assisted Richard Crocker in his duties as superintendent, thereby gaining a knowledge of the system. The availability of an alternate man is extremely important, particularly in case of illness or absence. We are grateful to have two men who are dependable and trustworthy for this important job.

In the event of a property transfer, it is requested that the Treasurer be notified by the owner in order that the charges may be accurately assessed to the proper party.

Respectfully submitted,

F. TENNEY CLOUGH  
CARL E. PETERSON  
OTTO K. NEUGEBAUER  
Commissioners.

## AMHERST SCHOOL DISTRICT

### School Officers

|                                   |                     |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------|
| Mrs. Dorothy Davis, School Board  | Term Expires 1957   |
| Mr. Kenneth Goodwin, School Board | Term Expires 1958   |
| Mr. Curtis Worthen                | Term Expires 1959   |
| Mr. Harold C. Bowley              | Superintendent      |
| Mr. Everett Rockwell              | Principal           |
| Mrs. Catherine Kruger             | Clerk and Treasurer |
| Mr. Creeley S. Buchanan           | Moderator           |
| Alexandre Law, M.D.               | School Physician    |
| Mrs. Virginia Gill, R.N.          | School Nurse        |
| Mrs. Dorothy Davis                | Truant Officer      |
| Mabel I. Connolly                 | Helping Teacher     |

### School Calendar for 1956-57

| Begin                   | Close                   |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Wed., September 5, 1956 | Fri., December 21, 1956 |
| Wed., January 2, 1957   | Fri., February 15, 1957 |
| Mon., February 24, 1957 | Fri., April 19, 1957    |
| Mon., April 29, 1957    | Approx., June 11, 1957  |

#### Holidays:

October 18-19 — Teachers' Convention  
November 22-23 — Thanksgiving  
School classes at 12:15 — November 21, 1956  
May 30, Memorial Day

### School Calendar for 1957-58

| Begin                   | Close                   |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Wed., September 4, 1957 | Fri., December 20, 1957 |
| Thurs., January 2, 1958 | Fri., February 21, 1958 |
| Mon., March 3, 1958     | Fri., April 25, 1958    |
| Mon., May 5, 1958       | Approx. June 11, 1958   |

#### Holidays:

October 17-18 — Teachers' Convention  
November 28-29 — Thanksgiving  
School closes at 12:15 P. M. — November 27  
May 30 — Memorial Day

## WARRANT FOR ANNUAL SCHOOL MEETING

### The State of New Hampshire

To the Inhabitants of the School district in the Town of Amherst qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said district on the 8th day of March 1956, at eight o'clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator for the coming year.
2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.
3. To choose a Member of the School Board for the ensuing three years; to choose a member of the School Board for the ensuing year.
4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.
5. To determine and appoint the salaries of the School Board and Truant Officer, and fix the compensation of any other officers or agent of the district.
6. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or Officers chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.
7. To choose Agents, Auditors, and Committees in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant.
8. To see what sums of money the district will raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the salaries of school district officials and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the district, and to authorize the application against said appropriation of such sums as are estimated to be received from the state foundation aid fund together with other income; the school board to certify to the selectmen the balance between the estimated revenue and the appropriation, which balance is to be raised by taxes by the town.
9. To transact any other business which may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands at said Amherst this 11th day of February, 1957.

DOROTHY J. DAVIS, Chairman  
CURTIS R. WORTHEN, Secretary  
KENNETH GOODWIN,  
School Board.

## NOTIFICATION OF SCHOOL ASSESSMENT, 1956

### EXPENDITURES

|                            |                  |
|----------------------------|------------------|
| Current Expenditures       | \$93,493.95      |
| Capital Outlay:            |                  |
| Additions and Improvements | 1,200.00         |
| New Equipment              | 620.00           |
| Debt and Interest          | 10,989.39        |
| Special Appropriations:    |                  |
| Social Security            | 145.00           |
| Band Instruction           | 700.00           |
| Grounds Improvement        | 400.00           |
| Black-Top                  | 500.00           |
| <br>Total Appropriation    | <br>\$108,048.34 |

### TOTAL RECEIPTS

|   |                  |
|---|------------------|
| Balance, June 30, 1956 (Est.)                                 | \$ 3,000.00      |
| State Aid (Est.)  | 1,600.00         |
| Trust Funds (Est.)  | 430.00           |
| Other Receipts (Est.)   | 1,500.00         |
| <br>Assessment Required to Meet<br>School District Assessment | <br>101,518.34   |
| <br>Total Appropriation                                       | <br>\$108,048.34 |

I certify that the above is a correct statement of the obligations authorized, and the amounts to be assessed to meet statutory requirements and appropriations made at the annual meeting of the Amherst School District held March 9, 1956.

CATHERINE A. KRUGER,  
Clerk.

## BUDGET FOR SCHOOL YEAR — 1956-1957

|   | Working<br>Budget<br>1956-57 | Proposed<br>Budget<br>1957-58 |
|---|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>Administration:</b>                        |                              |                               |
| 1. Salaries of District Officers              | \$ 332.00                    | \$ 332.00*                    |
| 2. Superintendent's Salary (Local Share)      | 963.50                       | 994.50*                       |
| 3. Tax for State Wide Supervision             | 784.00                       | 748.00*                       |
| 4. Salaries of other Administration Personnel | 1,098.50                     | 1,158.86*                     |
| 5. Supplies and Expenses                      | 561.50                       | 607.70*                       |
|   | <hr/>                        | <hr/>                         |
| <b>Instruction:</b>                           |                              |                               |
| 6. Principals' and Teachers' Salaries         | 45,200.00                    | 48,100.00                     |
| 7. Books and other Instruction Aids           | 1,260.00                     | 1,280.00                      |
| 8. Scholars' Supplies                         | 1,575.00                     | 1,600.00                      |
| 10. Supplies and other Instruction Expenses   | 725.00                       | 725.00                        |
|   | <hr/>                        | <hr/>                         |
|   | 48,760.00                    | 51,705.00                     |
| <b>Operation of School Plant:</b>             |                              |                               |
| 11. Salaries of Janitors                      | 3,200.00                     | 3,500.00                      |
| 12. Fuel or Heat                              | 2,100.00                     | 2,100.00                      |
| 13. Water, Light, Janitor Supplies            | 1,230.00                     | 1,450.00                      |
|   | <hr/>                        | <hr/>                         |
|   | 6,550.00                     | 7,050.00                      |
| <b>Maintenance of School Plant:</b>           |                              |                               |
| 14. Repairs and Replacements                  | 300.00                       | 300.00                        |
|   | <hr/>                        | <hr/>                         |
|   | 300.00                       | 300.00                        |
| <b>Auxiliary Activities:</b>                  |                              |                               |
| 15. Health Supervision                        | 649.94                       | 740.00                        |
| 16. Transportation                            | 10,500.00                    | 14,000.00                     |
| 17. Tuition                                   | 18,000.00                    | 26,381.55                     |
| 18. Special Activities                        | 200.00                       | 200.00                        |
|   | <hr/>                        | <hr/>                         |
|   | 29,349.94                    | 41,321.55                     |

|  |                    |                      |              |
|--|--------------------|----------------------|--------------|
| 19. Retirement Insurance, Bonds and Expenses | 3,064.87<br>989.64 | 3,403.22<br>1,066.59 | 4,469.81     |
| <b>Capital Outlay:</b>                       |                    |                      |              |
| 22. Additions and Improvement to Buildings   | 1,600.00           | 900.00               |              |
| 23. New Equipment                            | 620.00             | .....                |              |
| Other Charges:                               |                    |                      |              |
| 25. Principal of Debt                        | 10,000.00          | 10,000.00            |              |
| 26. Interest on Debt                         | 989.39             | 710.77               |              |
| 27. Contingency                              | 1,500.00           | 1,500.00             |              |
|  |                    |                      | 12,210.77    |
| <b>TOTAL ESTIMATED INCOME OF DISTRICT:</b>   |                    |                      |              |
| Balance                                      | \$ 4,049.67        | \$ .....<br>430.00   |              |
| Trust Funds                                  | 430.00             | 430.00               |              |
| Contingency Fund                             | 1,500.00           | 1,500.00             |              |
| State Building Fund                          | 2,000.00           | 2,000.000            |              |
|  |                    |                      | 3,930.00     |
| Assessment needed March 1956                 | 100,068.67         | 7,979.67             |              |
| Assessment needed March 1957                 |                    |                      | 117,868.19   |
|  |                    |                      | \$121,798.19 |

\* Statutory Obligations

NOTE: Numbers at the left agree with financial accounting forms approved by State Tax Commission. Omissions indicate that we do not use the omitted columns.

## REPORT OF TREASURER

(For the Fiscal Year July 1, 1955 to June 30, 1956)  
CATHERINE A. KRUGER, Treasurer,

In Account with the School District of Amherst

|  | Dr.          |
|--|--------------|
| Balance as per last report             | \$ 773.48    |
| Board of Selectmen:                    |              |
| Current Appropriation as of March 1955 | 99,239.50    |
| Federal Funds                          | 1,384.30     |
| Other:                                 |              |
| Income from Trust Funds                | 411.34       |
| Other Income                           | 76.54        |
|  | <hr/>        |
| Total                                  | \$101,885.16 |
|  | Cr.          |
| Payments on order of School Board      | \$ 97,835.49 |
| Cash on Hand June 30, 1956             | 4,049.67     |
|  | <hr/>        |
| Total                                  | \$101,885.16 |

## AUDITORS' CERTIFICATE

(Required by the State Board of Education from all  
State Aided Districts)

This is to certify that we have examined the books, vouchers, bank statements, and other financial records of the treasurer of the School District of Amherst, of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1956, and find them correct in all respects.

ORSON H. BRAGDON  
GEORGE H. HOWARD,  
Auditors.

## ANNUAL NARRATIVE REPORT OF SCHOOL BOARD

Your board presents the 1957-58 school budget with feelings similar to those experienced by the little Dutch boy who stood with his finger in the dyke. But the similarity ends very quickly, for the poet has the youthful efforts actually check the flood; your board can determine no means to stem the rise in the school budget. The trend is nationwide and no one who has alerted himself for the past decade to school needs should be surprised; on the other hand, you taxpayers are deserving of an explanation of the unusual rise in certain items in the proposed budget.

Item 6, teachers' salaries, is almost \$3,000.00 greater than last year's. The teaching profession countrywide is being elevated both in status and in salary. The board in maintaining a salary schedule is very conscious of the accepted fact that new teachers will be asking for and getting \$3,200.00 or more next year. The most important thing in educating our children is not the building or the equipment. It is the teacher.

Item 16, transportation is rising from \$10,500.00 to \$14,000.00. According to a chart of comparative transportation costs of the five towns in this union, the costs in cents per mile are as follows: Amherst 31 1/2 cents, Milford 45 1/3 cents, Brookline 35 cents, Mt. Vernon 51 1/2 cents and Hollis 37 cents. The total miles a year runs from Mt. Vernon's 7,000 through about 20,000 for both Milford and Brookline, 24,000 for Hollis to 33,300 for Amherst. We refer you to the last three yearly reports for previous discussions on the subject of transportation.

Item 17, tuition, has jumped from \$18,000.00 to \$26,381.55 because the Milford Board has announced that the estimated cost per pupil for tuition purposes for 1956-57 will be \$317.85. A comparison of estimated tuition rates in other school districts is in order, to accept and to understand the increase from \$250.00 per pupil, which has been the figure we have become accustomed to: Hollis, \$368.26; New Boston, \$415.43; Manchester, \$328.24; and Nashua, \$381.61. A gradual increase would be easier to swallow, but we should appreciate the low rate we have enjoyed for several years. The law (194:27) states "the liability of any school district for the tuition of any pupils shall be limited to the state average cost per pupil of the current expenses of operation of all public high schools, as estimated by the

state board of education for the preceding school year, or the current expenses of operation of the receiving school district for its high school, as estimated by the state board of education for the preceding school year, whichever is less." The state average is \$376.54.

Under improvements to grounds and buildings we invite your inspection of the enlarged hot top play area at the Clark School, the newly decorated annex, and the grading around the Brick School which will be completed in the spring. The Town Tree Committee has planted two new trees at the Brick School and plans have been made for three at the Clark School. Item 22 calls for \$900.00. We plan to continue the program of interior painting as well as the improvement of the grounds at both buildings.

Item 20. Your board would like to raise the limits on our present liability policy from \$25,000.00 and \$50,000.00 to \$100,000.00 and \$300,000.00 and include a property damage policy of \$5,000.00 and \$25,000.00 limit. For complete protection, especially in the Hot Lunch Program, we would write an aggregate products policy with \$50,000.00 limits for a three year period.

Item 25. By vote of the last district meeting the board was instructed to renegotiate the bond issue on our indebtedness, the object being to take fuller advantage of the state aid to building, and so to amortize our debt over a shorter period. The new schedule calls for the payments as follows: two for \$10,000.00, two for \$8,000.00 and one for \$7,000.00.

Your board returned \$1,000.00 to the selectmen last June. This represented the decrease in the expected number of tuition pupils at Milford High School. See last year's report for explanation.

This report would not be complete without a word of appreciation to Superintendent Bowley, Miss Connolly, Mr. Childs, Miss Wheeler, and to Principal Rockwell and all our own teachers for their constant consideration and sincere efforts for our boys and girls. We should also like to thank our two janitors, Mr. William Wells, the regular custodian, and Mr. Alexander Godin, for too often we take for granted their work and interest.

We close by inviting your study and understanding of the needs and problems of our school as reflected in the budget.

Respectfully submitted,

DOROTHY J. DAVIS, Chairman  
CURTIS WORTHEN, Secretary  
KENNETH GOODWIN

## ADMINISTRATION

I herewith present my eighteenth Annual Report. Besides this essay, I refer you to other material herewith.

### Instruction

Since the last report we have had the following changes:

| Teacher Leaving | Replacement |
|-----------------|-------------|
|-----------------|-------------|

#### Junior High

|  |                      |
|--|----------------------|
| Nancy Heath (Marriage)                 | Mrs. Alice Carpenter |
| Romuald Sinkervitch (Another position) | Alden Hoyt           |

#### Art

|                      |                |
|----------------------|----------------|
| Mrs. Natalie Fleming | William Childs |
| (Family moved away)  |                |

The other members of the Staff continue to merit your approval. Miss Wheeler in Music comes once per week as she has for many years.

### Costs

This is a big factor in all our thinking this year. Tuition liability may be determined by the average per pupil cost of the receiving district or the state average cost per pupil for current expenses whichever is less. The State Board of Education can estimate these costs for this year and thus determine maximum liability for a sending district. Milford has reluctantly adopted this method of determining tuition rates. However, they have said that the rate would be the actual average costs per pupil for current expenses as last determined, not estimated. An examination of the following table will illustrate what it cost some districts in 1956-57:

|               |          |              |        |
|---------------|----------|--------------|--------|
| Belmont       | \$317.86 | Manchester   | 328.24 |
| Bristol       | 362.75   | Milford      | 317.85 |
| Goffstown     | 317.02   | Nashua       | 381.61 |
| Hillsboro     | 319.27   | New Boston   | 415.43 |
| Hollis        | 368.26   | Peterborough | 314.16 |
| Hudson        | 318.29   | Wilton       | 267.96 |
| Jaffrey       | \$542.45 | Weare        | 433.50 |
| New Hampshire |          |              | 330.00 |

The Milford rate for Grades 9-12 next year has been advanced to \$317.85 and Grades 7-8 to \$190.56 to follow the above trend in costs and liability. If estimates for 1956-57 were used as allowed by law, the state average being \$354.00 and \$231.00, probably higher rates could be established but the Milford Board is desirous to utilize actual figures rather than estimates, hence the above named rates apply to 1957-58 tuition.

A comparison of schools costs in this Union is interesting, 1955-56 average per pupil costs of Current Expenses—no debt or Capital outlay included:

|             | Grades 1-8 | Grades 9-12 |
|-------------|------------|-------------|
| Amherst     | \$230.48   |             |
| Brookline   | 218.93     |             |
| Hollis      | 183.59     | \$368.26    |
| Milford     | 190.67     | 317.85      |
| Mont Vernon | 237.07     |             |

The two large items in school costs are increasing enrollments, and all this entails in building costs, and teacher salaries. Regarding population changes, we seem assured of having more young and many of them will stay in school longer. If the present trend continues as with the present group of families, we are sure to have a still larger school population when the large numbers now in school begin to have children. Children grow up, enter school, marry and have children. By 1965 it is estimated that we will have 30% more children in Elementary grades and 50% more in High School. The implications toward school spending are evident. It may have to be doubled just to catch up with the growth. Teachers' salaries are increasing everywhere and the end is not in sight. In order to be at all competitive, if a new teacher is hired, we must offer a \$3,200 minimum which has a resulting effect of increasing those already in our employ to just preserve a status quo between the experienced and inexperienced.

#### Acknowledgements

I am very grateful to the Board, the teachers, Miss Connolly and the Community for their interest and efforts in behalf of Better Schools.

Very respectfully,

HAROLD C. BOWLEY,  
Superintendent of Schools.

January 28, 1957

## HELPING TEACHER

In this, my fourth report, I would like to consider one important phase of the work of the Helping Teacher—the testing program.

### The Testing Program

Any program must be definite in itself and serve a distinct purpose if it is to be employed with any success. With this in mind a long range program has been established which covers in range the pre-school through the twelfth grade and in scope the most important subject areas as well as intelligence. Any child in this union entering the first grade and continuing through high school will, in the course of twelve years, be tested once for reading readiness, seven times for reading, three times each for arithmetic, work study skills, intelligence, and twice for high school English.

### Why This Program?

Because reading is the most important skill, upon which most other subjects depend, the pupils will be tested more times in this area. This will be in the beginning of his school career when the mechanics of reading are learned and at the end where their use is vital to a continuing education whether or not the pupil goes to college. It is necessary also to know how well the pupil has attained the many concepts of number and the techniques of their use, so arithmetic tests are included. What skills have been acquired in the abilities to seek out and interpret information? The work study skills tests show the teacher how well the pupil can use the dictionary, index reference material, map, graph and chart. The English tests are given at the high school level as this will be the last chance for those planning to enter college to master the requirements, and also the last chance for those not going to college to attain a good background in English. Also the language series used throughout the union provides progress tests for the elementary grades. The intelligence tests help all concerned to understand the pupil's potential and what can reasonably be expected of him. One test alone usually is not enough while three taken at intervals may give a more complete picture.

All of these tests are standardized, which means they have been given to pupils during a nation-wide program and on the basis of thousands of scores certain standards have been set up. We in this union may compare the abilities and achievements of our children with those of the nation of the same age or grade. We may also make similar comparisons among our own schools or classrooms. From the achievement tests we learn what the pupil has or has not mastered, and what his weaknesses may be. On the basis of these results the teacher plans a program which will help the pupil. Through a continued testing program we are aware of the degree of growth made between tests and can more intelligently go about stimulating those whose growth for some reason has slackened.

## Results

A brief summary of results showing how the median for Union #40 compares with the national score is as follows:

Given March, April, May 1956.

|         |            |                                  |
|---------|------------|----------------------------------|
| Grade 1 | Reading    | 6 months above national norm     |
| Grade 2 | "          | 12 " " "                         |
| Grade 3 | Work Study | 3 " " " "                        |
| Grade 4 | "          | 3 " " " "                        |
| Grade 5 | "          | exactly at the national norm     |
| Grade 6 | "          | 3 months above the national norm |

Given November 1956.

|         |         |                               |
|---------|---------|-------------------------------|
| Grade 3 | Reading | 13 months above national norm |
| " 4     | "       | 5 " " " "                     |
| " 5     | "       | 2 " " " "                     |
| " 6     | "       | 3 " " " "                     |
| " 7     | "       | 2 " " " "                     |
| " 8     | "       | 3 " " " "                     |
| " 9     | "       | 2 " " " "                     |
| " 10    | "       | 2 " " " "                     |
| " 12    | "       | 1 " " " "                     |
| " 10    | English | 6 " " " "                     |
| " 11    | "       | 13 " " " "                    |
| " 12    | "       | 4 " " " "                     |

It would appear from the above that in Union #40 Johnny can read and knows his English, and we may well expect him to because in every grade the median I. Q. is above the national norm. It is good to know that our children are of such high caliber and that our teachers are doing so well in recognizing this and are holding them to superior performance.

Such a program requires a great deal of cooperation of all concerned, as much work is involved in giving, correcting and evaluating the tests, in diagnosing pupil difficulties and in corrective follow-up. We may be sure that our teachers, in participating in this program, are truly concerned about the welfare of our children.

### **Appreciation**

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the teachers, principals, Mr. Bowley, members of the school boards, parents, and others for their valuable cooperation and assistance in the many phases of my work as Helping Teacher.

Respectfully,

MABEL I. CONNOLLY,  
Helping Teacher

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

To the Superintendent of Schools, School Board, and citizens of Amherst I present my third annual report of Amherst Elementary School.

We have 314 students in school divided into 12 classes for an average of 25 plus per room. Three of these classes are double grades and nine are straight grades. Four of the twelve are in modern classrooms. The departmental system in grades seven and eight is maintained but will be threatened by numbers and double grades.

Your faculty has studied and adopted the best series available in arithmetic which brings it up to the level of reading. We hope to carry out studies of social studies and science in the same manner.

The scholastic achievement of your students as evidenced in Miss Connolly's report, attests to the fact that the basic education of Amherst youth is well taken care of. We consistently score well against national test norms.

As in the 1946 Report the Annex is in A-1 shape. This time I may mention a new ceiling, new wainscoting, and refinished floor. It is a joy to use this building.

Our visual aids program has been very much improved by having a faculty co-ordinator and the addition of the overhead projector with the tachistoscopic attachment.

Your P.T.A. carries on with many worthwhile projects such as hot lunch, dental, music, and other programs.

Your faculty works hard to give the kind of education necessary. It needs your studied backing and subtle influence is greatest on them during the first 15 years. Let's work to give them the start which we may later wish we had given. This is our one opportunity.

**Some questions for all of us:**

**(1) Reception-Gymnasium-Auditorium**

The P.T.A. is sponsoring a survey of the town by the National Recreation Association. Recreation has been a problem for many years if town reports are a suitable reference. Hot lunch, student productions, and assemblies might count here too, together with a suitable assembly hall for a growing town.

(2) The acceptance of a junior high with proper courses has cropped up often in the past. The state will not accredit us with a junior high until we have shop and home economics.

(3) The music program with Miss Wheeler is of high value but stretched too thin. Work needs to be done on more choral direction. The addition of more rooms has just made Miss Wheeler's time shorter with each class.

(4) Long range planning should be more formal, recorded, accessible and continually in a state of revision. Do you know what it means to have a principal or teacher come to Amherst and get acclimated as to the tempo of the town and to where he or she fits? The last ten years show six different people writing the principal's report. This may be a peculiar 10 years, but I think research will prove otherwise, with some unbelievable changes of staff and with more to come. What of the citizens who want to lend profitable help? Where do they post themselves as to where we have been and where we shall go? In a population such as Amherst's I think it behooves us to think in long range terms in order to facilitate matters and make it easier for those who try to maintain their equilibrium in the midst of a changing town.

May I express my appreciation to our faculty, Superintendent Bowley, Miss Connolly, the School Board, Mr. Wells, and to those many parents and citizens who make my life interesting.

Sincerely,

EVERETT O. ROCKWELL,  
Principal

## AMHERST SCHOOL MEETING — MARCH 9, 1956

Meeting was called to order by Moderator Creeley S. Buchanan at 8:05 P. M., March 9, 1956. Rev. Frank M. Weiskel invoked the blessing.

The Moderator asked if there were no objections he would dispense with the reading of the Warrant. There were no objections.

Article 1. Creeley Buchanan was unanimously elected as Moderator for the coming year.

Article 2. Catherine A. Kruger was unanimously elected as School Clerk for the ensuing year.

Article 3. Catherine A. Kruger was unanimously elected as Treasurer for the ensuing year.

Article 4. Curtis R. Worthen was unanimously elected to serve as a Member of the School Board for three years.

Article 5. Curtis Worthen made a motion that this article be passed and taken up under the budget. Carried.

Article 6. Kenneth Goodwin made a motion to hear the reports of agents, auditors, Committees or Officers chosen and pass any vote relating thereto. Carried.

Article 7. Kenneth Goodwin moved that George H. Howard and Orson H. Bragdon be elected auditors for the School District. Carried.

Article 8. Curtis Worthen explained the budget, taking one item at a time and gave the amounts needed. Comments were many on art. Mr. Worthen explained that the School Board was hoping to have the art teacher for two days rather than one day. At the present this teacher cannot visit each room each week.

Curtis Worthen moved that \$102,914.68 be raised and appropriated for the support of the schools. Donald Atkinson offered an amendment to increase the \$8,000.00 to \$10,000.00 and in so doing the State Building Fund would automatically increase \$2,000.00. At this point there was a recess of 5 minutes so that the School Board might enter into conversation as to the possibility of this motion. Donald T. Atkinson restated his motion and it was carried.

Louis B. Heaton made an amendment to item #6 in the budget and moved to have the Teacher's salaries increased \$300 per teacher instead of \$200 as recommended by the School Board and a \$500 increase for the headmaster instead of \$300. The moderator was in doubt when he asked for the vote. Motion made to have yes and no ballots distributed and ballot using the check list.

Carl Merrill, Harry Mitiguy and Dwight Brown were appointed to check the list. George Anderson, Vernon Gray and Richard Smith were appointed as tellers. The vote was 48 yes, 41 no. The amendment made by Louis Heaton was carried.

Article 9. Mr. George W. Brown moved the approval of this article as written. Carried.

Article 10. Dorothy J. Davis moved to exclude from the plan services in any class or classes of positions filled by popular election. Carried.

Article 11. Curtis Worthen moved that the district exclude from the plan services in any class or classes of positions the compensation for which is on a fee basis. Carried.

Article 12. Kenneth Goodwin moved this article be approved as written. Carried.

Article 13. Mrs. Max Holland and Mrs. C. Clark Stewart spoke in favor of this program, as did others. A yes and no vote was requested. The same gentlemen served as for the previous vote. There were 85 votes cast—yes 58, no 27. Carried.

Article 14. Moved to raise and appropriate \$400 to continue the planned program of renovating the grounds and outside facilities of the schools. Carried.

Article 15. Moved to raise and appropriate \$500 to continue the black-top area on the playgrounds. Carried.

Article 16. Curtis R. Worthen restated his motion after going over the revised figures in the budget and moved to raise and appropriate \$106,303.34 for the support of the schools, for the salaries of school district officials and agents, and for the application against said appropriation of such sums as are estimated to be received from the state foundation aid fund together with other income; the school board

to certify to the selectmen the balance between the estimated revenue and the appropriation, which balance is to be raised by taxes in the town. Carried.

Donald T. Atkinson moved that a committee of 5 be appointed by the moderator to examine the school population and problems and to report to the School District at the 1957 meeting. These members to serve for a term of 5 years. Carried.

Mr. Robert Seamans gave a vote of confidence to the School Board.

Mr. George W. Brown thanked the School Board for their efforts in preparing such a fine budget.

Meeting adjourned at 10:40 P. M.

Creeley S. Buchanan, Curtis R. Worthen and Catherine A. Kruger took the oath of office.

Respectfully submitted,

(Mrs.) CATHERINE A. KRUGER  
Clerk of Amherst School District

## REPORT OF THE CENSUS ENUMERATOR

In addition to the formal chart which is composed as the totals are made from the cards the census enumerator brings up to date just before school starts each fall, the following figures indicate the persistent growth of the number of households and of the children aged eighteen and down:

|      |                |              |
|------|----------------|--------------|
| 1953 | 263 households | 577 children |
| 1954 | 272 households | 594 children |
| 1955 | 284 households | 624 children |
| 1956 | 316 households | 650 children |

It should be pointed out for what it is worth that while the yearly increase in the number of children has been fairly consistent, the 1956 census revealed that the annual jump in households was almost four times, that is to say, from 9 to 12 to 32. The majority of these new families are home owners with two or more children. It is also noteworthy that of our total population of a little over 1,700, 650 Amherst citizens are 18 and under. The entering first graders for the next four years appears to be forty.

Respectfully submitted,  
DOROTHY J. DAVIS  
Census Enumerator

**FINANCIAL REPORT OF AMHERST SCHOOL BOARD  
(For the Fiscal Year July 1, 1955 to June 30, 1956)**

|                                    |              |
|------------------------------------|--------------|
| TOTAL RECEIPTS                     | \$101,885.16 |
| TOTAL PAYMENTS                     | 97,835.49    |
| <hr/>                              | <hr/>        |
| Cash Balance, June 30, 1956        | \$ 4,049.67  |
| RECEIPTS IN DETAIL                 |              |
| Federal Aid:                       |              |
| National School Lunch              | \$ 1,384.30  |
| From Selectmen Raised by Taxation: |              |
| Current Appropriation              | 99,239.50    |
| From Sources other than Taxation:  |              |
| Trust Funds                        | 411.34       |
| Other Receipts                     | 76.54        |
| <hr/>                              | <hr/>        |
| Total Receipts from All Sources    | \$101,111.68 |
| Cash on Hand July 1, 1955          | 773.48       |
| <hr/>                              | <hr/>        |
| GRAND TOTAL                        | \$101,885.16 |

**AUDITORS' CERTIFICATE**

(Required by the State Board of Education from all State  
Aided Districts)

This is to certify that we have examined the books and other financial records of the School Board of Amherst of which this is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1956, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

ORSON H. BRAGDON,  
GEORGE H. HOWARD,  
Auditors.

## PAYMENTS IN DETAILS

July 1, 1955 to June 30, 1956

### ADMINISTRATION

#### 1. Salaries of District Officers:

|                                |         |
|--------------------------------|---------|
| Dorothy Davis, School Board    | \$75.00 |
| Kenneth Goodwin, School Board  | 75.00   |
| Curtis Worthen, School Board   | 75.00   |
| Catherine A. Kruger, Treasurer | 75.00   |
| Catherine A. Kruger, Clerk     | 6.00    |
| Arthur Bonney, Jr., Moderator  | 6.00    |
| Orson H. Bragdon, Auditor      | 10.00   |
| George H. Howard, Auditor      | 10.00   |

—————  
\$332.00

#### 2. Superintendent's Salary (Local Share)

|                                     |        |
|-------------------------------------|--------|
| Treasurer, Supervisory Union No. 40 | 840.00 |
|-------------------------------------|--------|

#### 3. Tax for State-Wide Supervision:

|                                     |        |
|-------------------------------------|--------|
| State Treasurer, \$2 per capita Tax | 742.00 |
|-------------------------------------|--------|

#### 4. Salaries of Other Administration Personnel:

|   |          |
|---|----------|
| Dorothy Davis, census enumerator                                      | \$ 50.00 |
| Dorothy Davis, truant officer   | 25.00    |
| Treas., Supervisory Union No. 40,<br>office clerk and Helping Teacher | 900.00   |
| —————   |          |

975.00

#### 5. Supplies and Expenses:

|   |          |
|---|----------|
| Treas., Supervisory Union No. 40,<br>office expenses and travel | \$433.46 |
| Conference, expenses, advertising,<br>printing, etc.            | 62.60    |
| —————   |          |

496.06

### INSTRUCTION

#### 6. Principal's and Teachers' Salaries:

|                    |           |
|--------------------|-----------|
| Ray Bartlett       | \$ 250.00 |
| Charlotte Boutelle | 3,100.00  |
| Rachel Brown       | 3,100.00  |
| Lionel DeLacey     | 3,200.00  |
| Leo Flanagan       | 20.00     |
| Natalie Fleming    | 800.00    |
| Eva Gagnon         | 3,100.00  |

|                        |               |
|------------------------|---------------|
| Sarah Greenhalgh       | 3,100.00      |
| Nancy Heath            | 2,790.00      |
| Elma Kittredge         | 3,080.00      |
| Wilene Knight          | 2,800.00      |
| Mary McGee             | 3,300.00      |
| Edward Low             | 250.00        |
| Dorothy Paire          | 3,095.00      |
| Mrs. Dwight Richardson | 30.00         |
| Everett Rockwell       | 4,200.00      |
| Romuald Sinkervitch    | 3,200.00      |
| Lottie Stevenson       | 25.00         |
| Elsie Wheeler          | 550.00        |
| Eleanor Wilkins        | 208.26        |
|                        | <hr/>         |
|                        | \$40,198.26** |

\*\*This amount includes deductions for:

|            |           |
|------------|-----------|
| Blue Cross | \$ 413.00 |
| Income Tax | 4,705.45  |
| Insurance  | 261.48    |
| Retirement | 2,931.94  |
| N.E.A.     | 10.00     |

|   |           |
|---|-----------|
| <b>7. Textbooks:</b>                      |           |
| Elementary                                | \$ 894.82 |
| <b>8. Scholars' Supplies:</b>             |           |
| Elementary                                | 2,094.38  |
| <b>10. Other Expenses of Instruction:</b> |           |
| Catherine Hammond, Lip-reading            | \$200.00  |
| Other expenses                            | 360.50    |
|   | <hr/>     |
|   | 560.50    |

#### OPERATION OF SCHOOL PLANT

|  |            |
|--|------------|
| <b>11. Salary of Janitor:</b>          |            |
| William S. Wells                       | \$2,300.00 |
| Robert Hancock                         | 593.15     |
|  | <hr/>      |
|  | 2,893.15** |
| **This amount includes deductions for: |            |
| Income Tax                             | \$85.00    |
| <b>12. Fuel or Heat:</b>               |            |
| Elementary                             | 2,024.89   |

13. Water, Light, Supplies and Expenses:  
Elementary 1,495.99

MAINTENANCE OF SCHOOL PLANT

14. Repairs and Replacements:  
Elementary 1,111.50

AUXILIARY ACTIVITIES

15. Health Supervision:  
Elementary 582.87

16. Transportation:  
Elementary \$7,001.65  
High School 3,504.20  
\_\_\_\_\_ 10,505.85

17. Tuition:  
Milford School District \$15,212.50

18. Other Special Activities:  
School Lunch \$1,384.30  
Other special activities 211.31  
\_\_\_\_\_ 1,595.68

FIXED CHARGES

19. Retirement:  
Elementary 2,780.45

20. Insurance:  
Elementary 980.41

CAPITAL OUTLAY

22. Additions and Improvements:  
Harold Aldrich, Hot topping \$660.15  
C. L. Kiesling, Painting 285.00  
George W. Bliss, Water heater  
    installed 375.00  
Other 28.00  
\_\_\_\_\_ 1,348.15

|                                       |                    |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------|
| <b>23. New Equipment:</b>             |                    |
| Cascade Paper Company                 | \$ 18.43           |
| The County Stores, Inc.               | 17.65              |
| Harold Eastman                        | 50.00              |
| J. L. Hammett Co.                     | 392.04             |
| Sears Roebuck Co.                     | 47.90              |
| Southwestern N. H. Trans. Co., Inc.   | 6.86               |
|                                       | _____              |
|                                       | 532.88             |
| <b>25. Principal of Debt</b>          | 8,000.00           |
| <b>26. Interest on Debt</b>           | 1,203.15           |
| <b>27. Special Account on Grounds</b> | 435.00             |
|                                       | _____              |
| <b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>                 | <b>\$97,835.49</b> |

#### INSURANCE COVERAGE

|                                 |                     |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|
| 2½ Story Brick School           | \$ 51,000.00        |
| Park Street School              | 6,500.00            |
| Clark School                    | 64,700.00           |
| Contents                        | 8,000.00            |
|                                 | _____               |
| <b>Total Insurance Coverage</b> | <b>\$130,200.00</b> |

#### BALANCE SHEET — JUNE 30, 1956

##### ASSETS

|   |                    |
|---|--------------------|
| Cash on Hand, June 30, 1956                     | \$ 4,049.67        |
| Net Debt (Excess of Liabilities<br>over Assets) | 38,950.33          |
|   | _____              |
| <b>Total</b>                                    | <b>\$43,000.00</b> |

##### LIABILITIES

|                               |             |
|-------------------------------|-------------|
| Notes and Bonds Outstanding** | \$43,000.00 |
| **Indebtedness, June 30, 1956 |             |
| Clark School Additions        | \$43,000.00 |

DOROTHY DAVIS,  
KENNETH GOODWIN,  
CURTIS WORTHEN,  
School Board

HAROLD C. BOWLEY, Superintendent.

## SCHOOL POPULATION COMMITTEE REPORT

A year ago it was expected that we might have a school population, in the eight lower grades, of close to 315 for 1957-58 classes and possibly 335 for the 1958-59 classes.

It now appears that the 1957-58 starting total will be 321. However, the projection for 1958-59 is also about 320. These totals are within the capacities of our present space so there is no need, at this time, to propose a building program.

Because the growth of the town is continuing, particularly in the number of households, a close check will be maintained upon each census and student count during the ensuing year. Any action necessary to provide increased space for 1959-60 classes can be taken at the School District Meeting in 1958.

ELIZABETH HALL  
ROLAND R. FRASER  
OTTO K. NEUGEBAUER  
LOUIS B. HEATON  
ROBERT CURRIER

## STATISTICS FOR 1955-56

|   |           |
|---|-----------|
| Number of half-days in session                              | 348       |
| Whole number of different pupils registered:                |           |
| Boys 175; Girls 131   | Total 306 |
| Enrollment by grades:                                       |           |
| I-41; II-42; III-46; IV-38; V-35;<br>VI-45; VII-37; VIII-22 | Total 306 |
| Average daily membership                                    | 293.0     |
| Per cent of attendance                                      | 94.3      |
| Number not absent nor tardy during school year              | 12        |
| Number of visits made to schools by:                        |           |
| Helping Teacher   | -         |
| Superintendent of Schools                                   | 30        |
| Number of School Board meetings held                        | 12        |

**AMHERST PUPILS GRADUATING FROM  
MILFORD HIGH SCHOOL — JUNE 1956**

|                 |                    |
|-----------------|--------------------|
| Avis Boutelle   | Eleanor Huntington |
| Judith Eaton    | Elizabeth Murray   |
| Edward French   | Carol O'Connor     |
| Mildred Holland | Diane Page         |
| Winona Holland  | William Sweezey    |
|                 | Gerald Wilkins     |

**AMHERST PUPILS GRADUATED FROM  
EIGHT GRADE — JUNE, 1956**

|                  |                |
|------------------|----------------|
| Hilda Berwick    | Donald Kelley  |
| Richard Gatchell | Brenda Miles   |
| Thomas Hall      | David Moore    |
| David Hanlon     | George Morgan  |
| Evelyn Hathaway  | Beryl Murray   |
| Douglas Heaton   | Stephen Noble  |
| Dennis Holland   | Judy Page      |
| Donna Holt       | Betsy Taborne  |
| Jill Husmer      | Theodore Wells |
| Larry Jasper     | Clayton Wilson |
| Judy Keane       | William Young  |

**PERFECT ATTENDANCE  
School Year — 1955-1956**

Junior High: Ralph Anderson, Dennis Holland, Judy Page.  
Grade VI: Martha Grundell.  
Grade V: Helen Holland, James Batchelder.  
Grade III: Gail Boutelle, Dana Worcester.  
Grade II: Richard Locke, Warren Parkhurst, Norman Worcester.  
Grade I: Ted Bishop.

## AMHERST TUITION PUPILS 1956-1957

### GRADE XII

Joseph Anderson  
Richard Arnold  
Hazel Bartlett  
Marian Flandreau  
Barry Hammond  
Kay Hauser

Patricia Herlihy  
Carol Marsh  
Sally Spooner  
Patricia Stockwell  
Steven Wardwell  
Thomas Wiggin

### GRADE XI

Crystal Burgess  
Carolyn Davis  
A. Ronald Frye  
Ethelyn Grant  
Marilyn Green  
John Hanlon  
Clematis Jones

Ronald Marsh  
Linda Merrill  
Choral Murray  
Gordon Murray  
Arthur Nichols  
Ronald Piper  
Glenna Rooney  
Joan Sweeney

### GRADE X

Ronald Brown  
William Cheever  
Bernice Cobleigh  
Leonard Dean  
Tyrone Forbes  
Pearl Grant  
Robert Griffin  
Marian Holland

Vivian Jutras  
Theodore Kelley  
Sandra Mack  
Doreen McLaughlin  
Judith Relation  
Charles Rooney  
Jane Wardwell  
Judith Harding

### GRADE IX

Hilda Berwick  
Richard Gatchell  
Thomas Hall  
David Hanlon  
Evelyn Hathaway  
Douglas Heaton  
Dennis Holland  
Donna Holt  
Jill Husmer  
Larry Jasper  
Judy Keane

Donald Kelley  
Brenda Miles  
David Moore  
Curtis Morgan  
Beryl Murray  
Stephen Noble  
Judy Page  
Gene Sibley  
Betsy Taborne  
Theodore Wells  
Clayton Wilson  
William Young

# RETURN OF SCHOOL CENSUS

September 1956

Mrs. Dorothy Davis, Enumerator

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|         | Age as of<br>Sept. 1, 1956 | Total | Boys | Girls | Attending<br>Public School | Attending<br>Private or<br>Parochial School |
|---------|----------------------------|-------|------|-------|----------------------------|---|
| Under 1 | 28                         | 18    | 10   |       |                            |   |
| 1       | 42                         | 19    | 23   |       |                            |   |
| 2       | 35                         | 14    | 21   |       |                            |   |
| 3       | 44                         | 19    | 25   |       |                            |   |
| 4       | 50                         | 33    | 17   |       |                            |   |
| 5       | 35                         | 19    | 16   |       | 15                         |   |
| 6       | 37                         | 23    | 14   |       | 37                         |   |
| 7       | 39                         | 23    | 16   |       | 39                         |   |
| 8       | 40                         | 24    | 16   |       | 40                         |   |
| 9       | 46                         | 25    | 21   |       | 46                         |   |
| 10      | 31                         | 17    | 14   |       | 31                         |   |
| 11      | 44                         | 25    | 19   |       | 43                         |   |
| 12      | 40                         | 18    | 22   |       | 39                         | 1   |
| 13      | 36                         | 21    | 15   |       | 34                         | 2   |
| 14      | 29                         | 16    | 13   |       | 24                         | 3   |
| 15      | 26                         | 12    | 14   |       | 19                         | 6   |
| 16      | 17                         | 9     | 8    |       | 13                         | 3   |
| 17      | 21                         | 10    | 11   |       | 10                         | 2   |
| 18      | 10                         | 4     | 6    |       |                            | 2   |
| Totals  |                            | 650   | 349  | 301   | 391                        | 20  |

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## OUR TEACHERS

| Name of Teacher    | Subject or Grade Taught            | Experience Here | Total Experience |
|--------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Charlotte Boutelle | Grade IV                           | 31              | 33               |
| Rachel Brown       | Grade I                            | 6½              | 10               |
| Alice Carpenter    | Grades VII & VIII                  | 1               | 6                |
| Lionel DeLacey     | Grades V & VI                      | 4               | 4                |
| Eva Gagnon         | Grade V                            | 2               | 11               |
| Sarah Greenhalgh   | Grade II                           | 8               | 12               |
| Alden Hoyt         | Grades VII & VIII                  | 1               | 1                |
| Elina Kittredge    | Grades III & IV                    | 6               | 12               |
| Wilene Knight      | Grade VI                           | 2               | 2                |
| Mary McGee         | Grade III                          | 12              | 18               |
| Dorothy Paire      | Grades I & II                      | 4½              | 18               |
| Everett Rockwell   | Principal and<br>Grades VII & VIII | 3               | 9                |
| Elsie F. Wheeler   | Music I-VIII                       | 23              | 25               |

## SALARIES — 1955-56

### a. Superintendent

|               |           |                |
|---------------|-----------|----------------|
| State's Share |           | \$2,500.00     |
| Local Share:  |           |                |
| Amherst       | \$ 840.00 |                |
| Brookline     | 273.00    |                |
| Hollis        | 651.00    |                |
| Milford       | 2,247.00  |                |
| Mont Vernon   | 189.00    |                |
|               |           | <hr/> 4,200.00 |

Total

\$6,700.00

### b. Helping Teacher

|               |           |                |
|---------------|-----------|----------------|
| State's Share |           | \$2,500.00     |
| Local Share:  |           |                |
| Amherst       | \$ 420.00 |                |
| Brookline     | 136.50    |                |
| Hollis        | 325.50    |                |
| Milford       | 1,123.50  |                |
| Mont Vernon   | 94.50     |                |
|               |           | <hr/> 2,100.00 |

Total

\$4,600.00

## ENROLLMENT TABLE AS OF JANUARY 15, 1957

| Grades     | 1  | 2  | 3  | 4  | 5  | 6  | 7  | 8  | Total |
|------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|-------|
| Grade I    | 29 |    |    |    |    |    |    |    | 29    |
| Grade I    |    | 12 |    |    |    |    |    |    | 12    |
| Grade II   |    |    | 12 |    |    |    |    |    | 12    |
| Grade II   |    |    | 25 |    |    |    |    |    | 25    |
| Grade III  |    |    |    | 28 |    |    |    |    | 28    |
| Grade III  |    |    |    | 13 |    |    |    |    | 13    |
| Grade IV   |    |    |    |    | 31 |    |    |    | 31    |
| Grade IV   |    |    |    |    | 16 |    |    |    | 16    |
| Grade V    |    |    |    |    |    | 27 |    |    | 27    |
| Grade V    |    |    |    |    |    | 13 |    |    | 13    |
| Grade VI   |    |    |    |    |    |    | 21 |    | 21    |
| Grade VI   |    |    |    |    |    |    | 10 |    | 10    |
| Grade VII  |    |    |    |    |    |    |    | 47 | 47    |
| Grade VIII |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    | 30    |
| Totals     | 41 | 37 | 41 | 47 | 40 | 31 | 47 | 30 | 314   |
| Boys       | 23 | 25 | 22 | 31 | 20 | 19 | 21 | 18 | 179   |
| Girls      | 18 | 12 | 19 | 16 | 20 | 12 | 26 | 12 | 135   |

## REPORT OF HEALTH SUPERVISION — 1955-56

Oscar Burns, M.D., School Physician  
Mrs. Virginia Gill, R.N., School Nurse

The Total Number of Children Examined 281

The following defects, treatments and corrections were reported:

|                                | Defects | Pupils Receiving Treatment |
|--------------------------------|---------|----------------------------|
| Defective Tonsils and Adenoids | 13      | 10                         |
| Defective Teeth                | 14      | 14                         |
| Cardiac Disease                | 1       | 1                          |
| Orthopedic                     | 8       | 6                          |
| Defective Vision               | 3       | 3                          |
| Defective Hearing              | 3       | 3                          |
| Defective Skin                 | 1       | 1                          |

Parents were informed of all the above cases.

Diseases reported:

|            |    |
|------------|----|
| Measles    | 61 |
| Impetigo   | 3  |
| Poison Oak | 1  |

**1956 REPORT OF N. H.**  
**STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**  
**BUREAU OF PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING**

Salk Vaccine Clinics were held at the school during the past year. This was given to children from 6 months thru 19 years of age and Pre-natals.

Amherst

|              |         |
|--------------|---------|
| Clinics held | 2       |
| Attendance   | 436     |
| Pre-school   | 140     |
| School       | 295     |
| Pre-natals   | 1       |
| <br>Total    | <br>436 |

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Doctors, School Department, Visiting Nurse Association, Legion Auxiliary, School Nurse, and committee. This service would not have been possible without the parents and friends who have cooperated so generously with the work of the Public Health Nurse.

It has been a pleasure to work with you.

Respectfully submitted,

HAZEL W. SOMES, R. N.

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## **VITAL STATISTICS**

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**Marriages Registered in the Town of Amherst, N. H.**  
**For the Year Ending December 31, 1956**

| DATE and PLACE      | NAME                          | AGE | NAME and STATION of PERSON OFFICIATING |
|---------------------|-------------------------------|-----|--|
| 1956                |                               |     |  |
| Jan. 14, Manchester | Miles Floyd Ruiter            | 72  | Fr. Wilfred H. Paradis                 |
|                     | Marie Anne Hunt               | 64  | Priest                                 |
| Feb. 4, Amherst     | Francis Gordon Duval          | 36  | Rev. Frank M. Weiskel                  |
|                     | Jacqueline Louise Bianchi     | 26  | Clergyman                              |
| Feb. 14, Amherst    | George Rotondi                | 70  | Catherine A. Kruger                    |
|                     | Cecelia Louise Gallivan       | 48  | Justice of the Peace                   |
| May 5, Amherst      | Thomas Ellsworth Crocker      | 23  | Rev. Frank M. Weiskel                  |
|                     | Joan Helen Leinay             | 21  | Clergyman                              |
| May 10, Amherst     | Arthur L. MacGregor           | 49  | Rev. Frank M. Weiskel                  |
|                     | Gladys E. Glenn               | 49  | Clergyman                              |
| June 16, Amherst    | Walter Anthony Yuskiewicz     | 31  | Catherine A. Kruger                    |
|                     | Florence Mae Delaney          | 31  | Justice of the Peace                   |
| June 16, Milford    | Charles Henry Levesque        | 19  | Fr. Thomas Savage                      |
|                     | Shirley Jane Pratt            | 18  | Priest                                 |
| July 25, Milford    | Kenneth Millburn Goodwin, Jr. | 26  | Fr. E. A. Murphy                       |
|                     | Leona Mary Berwick            | 21  | Priest                                 |
| July 28, Amherst    | Nicholas A. Forziati, Jr.     | 21  | Catherine A. Kruger                    |
|                     | Joanne Piay                   | 18  | Justice of the Peace                   |
| Aug. 18, Milford    | Harry James Sanborn           | 30  | Fr. Francis Hogan                      |
|                     | Norrine Elizabeth Hauser      | 20  | Priest                                 |
| Sept. 15, Amherst   | Richard Gibson Crocker        | 26  | Rev. Frank M. Weiskel                  |
|                     | Jeane Elizabeth Davis         | 20  | Clergyman                              |
| Sept. 22, Amherst   | Henry J. Needle               | 49  | Catherine A. Kruger                    |
|                     | Lorraine M. Penney            | 45  | Justice of the Peace                   |
| Oct. 12, Nashua     | Joseph T. Bilodeau            | 62  | Rev. Ernest R. Drake                   |
|                     | Gladys E. Little              | 56  | Clergyman                              |
| Oct. 27, Hudson     | Robert Masiere                | 21  | John E. Baker                          |
|                     | Lucille Rita Levesque         | 18  | Justice of the Peace                   |
| Dec. 2, Amherst     | Ralph L. Harriman             | 35  | Rev. Frank M. Weiskel                  |
|                     | Virginia R. Wheeler           | 32  | Clergyman                              |
| Dec. 15, Milford    | Russell Frank Brown           | 22  | Rev. E. M. Jones                       |
|                     | Janice Rae Long               | 20  | Clergyman                              |
| Dec. 29, Amherst    | Leo August Boucher            | 29  | Rev. Frank M. Weiskel                  |
|                     | Helene Ajam Haroth            | 33  | Clergyman                              |

**Birth Registered in the Town of Amherst, N. H.  
For the Year Ending December 31, 1956**

| DATE and PLACE            | NAME of CHILD       | NAME OF FATHER             | NAME OF MOTHER             |
|---------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1956                      |                     |                            |                            |
| Jan. 7, Nashua            | Robin Carol         | Donald Charles Grant       | Katherine Lois Thompson    |
| Feb. 15, Nashua           | Roy Ethan, Jr.      | Roy Ethan Bailey           | Emily May Case             |
| Feb. 16, Manchester       | Carl Jonathon       | Francis Earl Gauthier      | Edith Marion Jones         |
| Feb. 17, Manchester       | Julie James         | Earl Henry Wescon          | Sarah Lavinia O'Connor     |
| Mar. 7, Nashua            | Stephen Alan        | Arthur George Charron      | Catherine Veronica Buckley |
| Mar. 26, Nashua           | John William        | James John Raymond         | Irene Agnes Brodeick       |
| May 3, Nashua             | William Wesley      | William Wesley Clough      | Barbara Louise Noyes       |
| May 10, Nashua            | Sandra Lee          | Carleton Lee Carter        | Mary Ann Gillogly          |
| May 16, Manchester        | Carol Elizabeth     | Henry Cook Drewes          | Elizabeth Anne Miller      |
| May 19, Manchester        | Bonnie Lee          | Donald Alan Handy          | Martina Lois Duncan        |
| May 27, Nashua            | Colleen Debra       | John Sikora O'Connell      | Claire Raymond             |
| May 30, Manchester        | Jean Carol          | Donald Oliver Young        | Marion Grace Macklin       |
| June 27, Nashua           | Glenn Franklin      | Franklin Henry Brown       | Florence Lillian Sevey     |
| July 29, Nashua           | Jay Kenneth         | James Loner Walker         | Pauline Evelyn Bly         |
| Sept. 28, Nashua          | Raymond Edwin       | Robert Leroy Bell          | Elizabeth Jeannette Warden |
| Oct. 6, Nashua            | Harold Herbert, Jr. | Harold Herbert Blake       | Barbara Ruth Robinson      |
| Oct. 15, Nashua           | Brian David         | Leo Guy Smith              | Shirley Joan Ralton        |
| Oct. 26, Nashua           | Stewart Douglas     | Gregory John Brown         | Madelene Beatrice Newbold  |
| Nov. 7, Nashua            | Sheila Lynn         | John Forsyth               | Irene Mary Bamford         |
| Nov. 12, Nashua           | Barbara Fern        | Frederick Leslie Carkin    | Virginia May Miner         |
| Nov. 27, Nashua           | Barbara Ann         | Joseph Paul Garcia         | Joan Caron Parker          |
| Nov. 30, Manchester       | Lauri Ann           | Laurence Joseph Landry     | Barbara Mary Hallowell     |
| Dec. 4, Nashua            | Douglas Carroll     | Carroll Woodbury Hall, Jr. | Cecile Lucienne Parent     |
| Dec. 10, Nashua           | Kathleen Norma      | Alexander Joseph Godin     | Norma Malet Braden         |
| Dec. 10, Fitchburg, Mass. | Kathryn Donna       | Frank A. Reid              | Mabel Violet Durrell       |
| Dec. 13, Nashua           | Cynthia Marilyn     | William Arthur Jenkins     | Vivianne Eva Bouchard      |
| Dec. 17, Nashua           | Ted                 | Albert Herbert Pixley      | Constance Edith Daggett    |

**Deaths Registered in the Town of Amherst, N. H.**  
**For the Year Ending December 31, 1956**

| DATE and PLACE          | NAME of DECEASED         | AGE     | NAME of FATHER       | NAME of MOTHER      |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|---------|----------------------|---------------------|
| <b>1956</b>             |                          |         |                      |                     |
| Feb. 4, Nashua          | Arthur Alonzo Clark      | 71      | Edward Clark         | Rebecca Brierley    |
| Feb. 13, Amherst        | Miles F. Ruiter          | 72      | Eli Ruiter           | Flora Ann Clark     |
| Feb. 26, Milford        | Katherine MacNeil        | 79      | Daniel MacNeil       | Elizabeth —         |
| Mar. 10, Amherst        | Flora Belle Goodale      | 89      | Charles Pillsbury    | Martha Sanborn      |
| Mar. 31, Nashua         | Mertie Francina Fletcher | 70      | Henry N. Whitcher    | Emily Atwood        |
| Apr. 2, Quincy, Mass.   | Ida M. Olson             | 72      | U/K                  | U/K                 |
| Apr. 2, Nashua          | George Wilbert Farley    | 76      | George E. Farley     | Mary E. Harmon      |
| Apr. 12, Melrose, Mass. | Susan Rice Ward          | 82      | George Rice          | Mary Johnson        |
| Apr. 25, Nashua         | Winthrop Buntin Hersey   | 82      | William D. Hervey    | Elizabeth Jordan    |
| May 1, Nashua           | Frank E. Bills           | 75      | Arthur A. Bills      | Mary C. Bradford    |
| June 1, Amherst         | Ruth Bradford Wight      | 63      | Elias E. Hathaway    | Jessie White        |
| June 27, Goffstown      | Lillian Newton           | 67      | Francis J. Newton    | Alice Boughton      |
| July 1, Amherst         | Roy Melville Lincoln     | 78      | George M. Lincoln    | Rebecca Rose Jewett |
| July 3, Amherst         | Bonnie Lee Handy         | 16 wks. | Donald Allan Handy   | Martha Lois Duncan  |
| July 9, Milford         | Hiram Roberts Elliott    | 80      | Dana H. Elliott      | Anaetta E. Roberts  |
| July 15, Amherst        | Robert Frederick Tutein  | 15      | Almon Tutein         | Gertrude Bruning    |
| July 15, Amherst        | John F. Robbins, Jr.     | 21      | John F. Robbins, Sr. | Marie Compton       |
| Aug. 23, Milford        | Etta M. Merchant         | 83      | Henry J. West        | Charlotte Cady      |
| Sept. 27, Goffstown     | Fred Kimball             | 75      | Marcus Kimball       | Dolly Temple        |
| Oct. 24, Amherst        | Lilla May Brown          | 86      | Charles J. Clark     | Mary E. Conrey      |
| Oct. 29, Manchester     | James Duhaine            | 11      | David Duhaine        | Patricia Hallahan   |
| Nov. 15, Concord        | Mina Wilhelmmina Soini   | 67      | Alex Kisky           | U/K                 |
| Nov. 18, Boston, Mass.  | Bradford Locke           | 58      | Howard R. Locke      | Louise L. Ford      |
| Dec. 9, Manchester      | Beatrice H. Naylon       | 52      | Archie Head          | Mabel F. Gerald     |
| Dec. 29, Amherst        | Jennie L. Alexander      | 79      | William E. Alexander | Emma F. Keith       |
| Dec. 30, Amherst        | Ettie Gertrude Armstrong | 66      | Harry Gates          | Citters             |

## Brought From Away and Buried in Town

| DATE and PLACE             | NAME of DECEASED          | AGE  | CEMETERY       |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|------|----------------|
| <b>1956</b>                |                           |      |                |
| Jan. 6, Chelsea, Mass.     | James R. O'Hanlon         | 67   | St. Patrick's  |
| Jan. 20, Cohasset, Mass.   | Rachel Ann Rector         | 99   | Meadowview     |
| Jan. 21, Somerville, Mass. | Mary Fitzpatrick          | 83   | St. Patrick's  |
| Feb. 21, Nashua            | Shelly Adrienne Wilson    | 3dys | Meadowview     |
| Apr. 10, Franklin          | Albert Emerson Chickering | 82   | Meadowview     |
| Apr. 11, Lowell, Mass.     | Clarence L. Hutchinson    | 70   | Meadowview     |
| Apr. 25, Milford           | Emma Jacques              | 82   | St. Patrick's  |
| Apr. 28, Concord           | Annie Holland             | 86   | St. Patrick's  |
| May 24, Hudson             | Walter Curtis Dunklee     | 63   | Cricket Corner |
| May 26, Nashua             | Sadie M. Kenney           | 72   | Meadowview     |
| May 30, Goffstown          | Ella Huskie               | 69   | Meadowview     |
| June 6, Nashua             | Orlando H. Lowd           | 83   | Meadowview     |
| July 29, Asheville, N. C.  | Clara Upton Spalding      | 81   | Meadowview     |
| Sept. 20, Lexington, Mass. | Harriet Savory            | 93   | Meadowview     |
| Oct. 5, Nashua             | Oscar Edwood Deschenes    | 52   | St. Patrick's  |
| Oct. 9, Nashua             | Baby Girl Fournier        |      | Meadowview     |
| Oct. 15, Concord           | Daniel Gainey             | 92   | St. Patrick's  |
| Nov. 3, Westboro, Mass.    | Nellie Desmond            | 78   | St. Patrick's  |

Vital Statistics of a Town are one of its most important records, not merely for today, but for generations to come. If everyone would see to it that the records of their own families were fully and correctly filled out on Marriage, Birth, and Death certificates, it might be of great help in making out the records of today.

I hereby certify that the foregoing returns are correct according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

CATHERINE A KRUGER, Town Clerk

**HEALTH DEPARTMENT REPORT  
BOARD OF HEALTH REPORT**

January 23, 1957

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and  
Citizens of Amherst, N. H.:

I herewith present my annual report as Health Officer for the year ending December 31, 1956.

This year has been as free from contagious and infectious diseases as could be expected in any town having the number of school children transported in buses and housed in closed quarters during the day. Contagious and infectious diseases generally start in schools and the school nurse and school doctor should be commended for the good supervision. Routine inspection of the town dump at the village and also at Baboosic have been quite satisfactory although there is much to be desired. Numerous complaints have been made as usual—all of minor importance and disposed of in as reasonable a manner as possible. One or two exceptions requiring legal advice and ruling from the state board of health demand further time and consideration and will not be completed at this time. It is my opinion that the Zoning Board has been of much service in the prevention of contributing factors to disease and misunderstanding by properly controlling buildings and locations placing restrictions as needed.

Respectfully submitted,

**OSCAR BURNS, M.D.,  
Health Officer**

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## In Memoriam

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**Dedicated to the Faithful Officers  
of the Town of Amherst, New Hampshire**

**HIRAM ROBERTS ELLIOTT**

Born in Laconia, N. H., June 27, 1876  
died July 9, 1956

Served as Tax Collector and Supervisor of Check Lists  
from 1935 to 1955

**LILLA MAY BROWN**

Born in Amherst, Nov. 22, 1869  
died October 24, 1956

Served as Supervisor of Check Lists  
from 1947 to 1956

GOD HATH NOT PROMISED  
SKIES ALWAYS BLUE  
FLOWER STREWN PATHWAYS  
ALL OUR LIVES THROUGH;  
GOD HATH NOT PROMISED  
SUN WITHOUT RAIN,  
JOY WITHOUT SORROW  
PEACE WITHOUT PAIN.

BUT GOD HATH PROMISED  
STRENGTH FOR THE DAY  
REST FOR THE LABOR,  
LIGHT FOR THE WAY,  
GRACE FOR THE TRIALS  
HELP FROM ABOVE,  
UNFAILING SYMPATHY  
UNDYING LOVE.











